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THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS, 1945

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Adyar, 26th December 1945

BRETHREN, I desire as Vice-President of the Society, temporarily in charge, to reinforce the greeting which has been extended to you by our Treasurer. I bid you loving and joyful welcome to sacred Adyar, the Headquarters of the world-wide Theosophical Society, which many of us regard as the home of the Masters. I wish you all the peace that is to be found here, a happy and heavenly time, and also that you may not only be uplifted for the time but become anchored in the realities for which Adyar supremely stands, helped by the forces that play here on such occasions. Adyar, as you have heard, is intended to be a flaming centre, but all earthly flames, even those lit from heaven, have to partake of the material property of flux and efflux, of rising and falling; but a Convention such as this can do much, if we so will, to create innumerable sparks, as it were by the friction of our common heaven with earth, and fan these sparks into many-coloured flames, which, even after they die down, will have left their impress on the abiding memories and the heart of the Society.

Following the example of our ever-beloved President-Mother, Dr. Annie Besant, and our late President, Dr. Arundale, let us lift our hearts to

those sources of inspiration from which help has come ever since the beginning of our Society. May Those who are the embodiments of Love eternal pour down on this Convention and upon Their Society Their strength and blessing, that it may do its work worthily and well. May our ignorance be overcome by Their wisdom, our weakness by Their strength, the inertia of our past by Their ever-fresh initiative.

I declare the seventieth Anniversary Convention duly open.

THE PRESIDENT

The important event of the year particularly affecting the Society has been the passing of our President, Dr. Arundale, from our physical midst to the region beyond. He was ill even at the last Convention, but he persisted in making light of his illness, and as the months wore on, his strength declined until he could no longer resist it. He bore this weary and trying ordeal with exemplary patience, enlivened by moments of brightness and humour. His loss to the Theosophical movement on this side of its extension is indeed irreparable. He struck his own distinctive note in the presentation of the many-sided wisdom, and possessed a spirit of dynamic leadership and

warm-hearted friendship for each and all, which awakened the enthusiasm of others and attracted the young and the young-hearted irresistibly. The messages which have poured into Adyar from every quarter of the globe after his passing testify in a most remarkable manner to the depth and wide-spread nature of the affection in which he was held by our members and by co-workers in other fields of activity. He was in truth a keystone of our Theosophical arch, bridging many differences, not only an ornament to the Society but an invaluable support to the stones constituting the arch, all differently shaped and inclined. The third President has joined his illustrious predecessors and their co-workers who have passed away, making a hallowed company. Death being from the Theosophist's stand-point but a gateway to a fuller life, he is not dead, but is with us to inspire and guide us subtly and invisibly, and, when the time comes again, to help and direct the Theosophical movement even at the lower levels. His spirit is blended with that of the Society, a sparkling current mingling in the sacred *sangam* or union of its many waters.

From all over the world Shrimati Rukmini Devi has received messages of deep and affectionate sympathy, and I have no doubt that on this occasion everyone will join in that expression from the bottom of his heart.

THE WORLD CRISIS

The year 1945 will stand out in history as the great year of victory for the forces of Light over those of Darkness. The Theosophical Society, which has been founded to do the will on earth of Those who embody in Themselves the way of perfect Righteousness could not but be disinterested in so titanic and fateful a conflict. Theosophy stands for universality of outlook, but also for decisive and determinative action. All our members throughout the world

were involved in the conflict in one way or another. The overwhelming majority of them strove for the victory of the Allies, perceiving in them the instrument of Divine Righteousness. For never before did Right and Wrong stand in such blatant and undisguised contrast to each other. In the countries over-run by the Fascists and in their own home States the Theosophical Society was banned because of its universal brotherhood and its steadfast adherence to the principle of individual freedom—the two cardinal doctrines over which the fair arch of any new world order must necessarily be sprung.

The crisis which has developed for the whole of humanity has not, however, been resolved by the silencing of the batteries and drums. The war has left an aftermath of distress, tribulation and trouble which, like the heavy swell of a sea persisting even after agitation by a fierce storm, will take long to subside. But it is obvious that conditions cannot revert to the *status quo ante*. A new order in politics, economics and society has to be brought into existence. The ideas and proposals contained in the Atlantic Charter, the United Nations Organization, the promises of freedom to the Indian people and to other peoples are but the earliest attempts at the rough-hewing of the stones with which the Temple of Peace must eventually be built.

IN EUROPE NOW

In Europe the ending of the war, though it has been signalized by fresh misery for millions of stricken families and displaced and deported refugees, has also caused a wave of jubilation in the hearts of the liberated peoples, not least among our brothers and sisters of the European Sections. They have not lagged behind any other group of people in their patient endurance of suffering, in sacrifices for the cause of Freedom and Brotherhood, in heroic underground resistance to the invader and his brutal

decrees. Every letter and report which has come from them testifies to their undying faith in Theosophy, their steadfast and indeed intensified loyalty to the Theosophical Society and to their joy of being conscious members of a real world-wide brotherhood. Their attitude is the most eloquent proof that can be furnished of the vitality of our Society in Europe. Every liberated country in Western Europe—we have little information about the countries in the East and South East—shows signs of new life and multiplied enthusiasm.

We have received reports from all Sections of the European countries in which the Society is active, and all these give expression to one chorus of joy at the reunion of those Sections with the parent Society. Their main problems at present are those created by the war—lack of food and clothing, lack of transport and heating, and governmental regulations curbing free movements of persons and exchange of money. Public meetings are difficult to hold. Lecturers cannot be sent from one place to another. Monetary help cannot be given to any appreciable extent from London, which is our rehabilitation centre, to the Sections which need it for repairs of their damaged headquarters, for re-furnishing, since all the furniture has been looted, for printing books and journals, and for the purchase of coal and other fuel to heat the rooms for meetings. Our members in these countries are hungry and thirsty for our books and periodicals, having lost their libraries wholly or partly, and for news of the last five years which has been denied to them. The General Secretary, Colonel van Dissel, and the Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Adelaide Gardner, of the European Federation, whose headquarters has been in London all through the war years but is now being shifted to Huizen in Holland, have done something towards supplying the last-mentioned need, but could send only certain books and periodicals, and have to wait

for better conditions for the sending of lecturers and money. The European Federation under their most capable and energetic guidance has been most active during the year, acting as the outpost and agent of the President for getting into touch with the continental Sections, reopening communications with them, studying their needs and doing all that was possible to help. The Federation has kept up its admirable journal, *Theosophy in Action*, and has just published a French edition of it.

THE UNITY OF EUROPE

There are three features in the development there which stand out and call for wise Theosophical handling.

First, a most welcome growth, that of a clear consciousness of the unity of all Europe. "Expression of this consciousness", says the report from the European Federation, "has come from all sides and in many forms", so much so that the Federation itself is being thought of now less as a Federation and more as the Theosophical Society in Europe, thus heralding the outer union of the European States into a United States Europe, to which our President-Mother looked forward as long ago as 1929.

OUR ATTITUDE TO COLLABORATORS

The second is the problem of dealing with those few members who collaborated to a greater or less extent with the enemy during the occupation. The number is extremely small, but such has been the vileness and barbarity of the methods of the invaders and the loathing which these have evoked from the peoples, that the problem in some countries, however limited, is a real one. I have given prominence in the Watch-Tower columns of *The Theosophist* to the views of Dr. Besant and of our great Founder, H.P.B., on this matter of excluding undesirables. We cannot as a Society upholding the ideal

of universal brotherhood, exclude from its body anyone, however undesirable he might be or seem to be to the majority, so long as he subscribes to that ideal and to the other two Objects of the Society, and does not act in persistent violation of the Society's constitution and principles. The policy of a purge which some exclusive parties carry out to preserve their solidarity is not one that we can adopt as a simple short cut to a similar aim in the Theosophical Society.

Our late President, confronted with this problem, suggested the voluntary abstention of those who have tainted themselves from attendance at Theosophical meetings for the limited period of a year. Bishop Leadbeater resigned from the Theosophical Society when there was a danger of the ill-fame maliciously thrown about him affecting the Society of which he was so prominent and devoted a member. Undoubtedly such abstention would be considerate and tactful on the part of those whom their fellow-members view with suspicion and in the circumstances not unnatural feeling of repugnance, however contrary such feelings might be to the spirit of divine understanding and forgiveness for which Theosophy must ever stand. If, however, any collaborator thinks that in the circumstances his collaboration was right and necessary, and feels honestly that he is now as devoted as ever before to the ideal of Universal Brotherhood and to the cause of Theosophy, he has, in my personal opinion, a right to have his name retained on the roll of our membership.

THEOSOPHY ABOVE ALL CREEDS

Thirdly, there is undoubtedly and there will be for some time, a danger of the factions of the outer world disturbing the functioning of the Society in the troubled areas. We must remember in this connection that Theosophy transcends all social, political, and other creeds, however much it

might be reflected in any of them. Many Theosophists, for instance, may sincerely believe in Socialism of whatever hue and pattern as the only true means of realizing Brotherhood in practice. But a student of the Divine Wisdom begins soon to perceive and respect elements of value in other systems of organization, which others who are equally devoted to Brotherhood may be inclined to stress and develop. Our solidarity must be based on the understanding of differences and not on their elimination.

SURVEY OF THE SECTIONS¹

Coming now to the immediate tasks of the stricken Sections after the re-opening of their Headquarters and Lodge centres and the recovery where possible of their archives, books and assets, these are: the revision of membership lists, the election of fresh office-bearers, the holding of regular meetings and the admission of new members. There is also much urgent need of translation of books and articles and the printing of them.

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In FRANCE Professor Marcault, who has been its General Secretary till recently, reports that "with the Allied victory the Theosophical Society recovered all its rights". Immediately steps were taken by the pre-war Council of the Section to resume possession of its Headquarters and Lodge centres. On December 10, 1944, the first public meeting was held in Adyar Hall, Paris. No less than 500 members were present, "a happy and beautiful reopening". Several hundred members have since joined, thanks to the sympathy awakened by the persecution of the Theosophical Society during the war, mostly belonging to the cultured class. The strength of the Section at present is

¹ The information in this section is taken from the Annual Reports of the Sections and letters, received at Adyar.

about 2,000, and the solidarity so perfect that "there is not one single dissenting voice". Unfortunately Professor Marcault has had to renounce the General Secretaryship, which he has adorned by the brilliance of his contributions as well as by his wholehearted devotion, because of deafness. The work is now in the safe and very worthy hands of M. Benzimbra. "Our ship is lifting its sails high", says Professor Marcault, "for the great wind we feel coming".

The case of BELGIUM was very typical of what took place when the Nazis overran the countries beyond their borders. Our Sister, Serge Brisy, as gallant as ever, in spite of all adversities, feels that the Section is greatly the richer for the experiences it has undergone. The Theosophical Society, being an international body, professing Brotherhood without distinction of race, brought on itself the bitter enmity of the invaders. The Lodges in Belgium were occupied and pillaged partially. Libraries were removed not only from Lodges but even from the homes of private members. The Society was accused of being a branch or satellite of the Masonic organization, and the invaders held an anti-Masonic exhibition, in order to bring Masonry as well as our Society into ridicule. But the result was magnificent propaganda for us, and now that the Section has been restored, there is an influx of new members, the people in various places having come to know about its real aims and ideals. There were numerous incidents, escapades, and thrills marking the period. But here as in France there is a fresh warm Theosophical spring, metaphorically speaking, with a feeling in the air of a spiritual rebirth.

In HOLLAND our friend Professor Selleger has been acting as the Presidential Agent. Most of our old and faithful members came through the ordeal of suppression and famine safely. But the reconstitution of the scattered

Lodges has not been easy. On November 18 they held a Convention at Amsterdam, attended with great enthusiasm by about 250 members, which was a very creditable beginning, considering the extreme difficulties of travelling and also the fact that all severed contacts have not yet been reknit. Here too a "sign of the times is the large number of candidates flocking in for membership". Colonel van Dissel returned to Holland early this year, and he is assisted both by Miss Dykgraaf, our veteran member, and by Mr. Kruisheer, so well known for his Theosophical service.

In DENMARK they have had serious difficulties but were able to keep up public meetings and Lodge work "to some extent". The problem of collaboration has shown itself there more than in other countries. The General Secretary, Mr. Bonde Jensen, hopes it may be possible "to build a new Denmark in the Theosophical Society too".

ICELAND has been able to maintain its activities and the Section celebrated its 25th anniversary on October 1.

In NORWAY there is a new General Secretary, Mr. Nielsen, and he is reorganizing the Section, preparing a fresh roll of valid membership preliminary to the holding of fresh elections.

From SWEDEN Mr. Lilliefelt, the General Secretary, writes that the Headquarters library is intact. I do not know why he mentions that particular fact, because Sweden is not one of the invaded countries.

Now that ITALY is free not only from the war but from the incubus of Fascism, the Italian Section is being quickly reconstituted. Officials who were in authority before the Section was closed in 1939 have reopened activities in several towns. Members are being contacted, and one of our faithful members, Mr. Roberto Hack, writes from Florence that "things are going well", and he hopes very shortly to

record that the Italian Section is once more in full working order.

From POLAND there is little news except that our members have to work hard, and there are severe restrictions. The Polish Section is not functioning like the other Sections which I have mentioned.

AUSTRIA, though free, has not yet recovered. Mr. Peter Freeman, M.P., who till lately was General Secretary of Wales, visited Austria recently, and has written that members are "cheerful and full of hope in spite of incredible hardships". But still there is no communication with London.

In CZECHOSLOVAKIA there are a few members bravely tending their home fires. In HUNGARY the headquarters stands. Here and in RUMANIA, BULGARIA and JUGOSLAVIA most of our workers are alive and beginning to be active.

GREECE made a regular start with a well-attended Convention on October 10. Although there are some differences within the Section between one party of members and the others, both sides are anxious to promote Theosophy and build up the Section as quickly as possible.

In FINLAND, where all through the war Theosophical work has been kept up, the General Secretary writes that Lodge meetings were held even at the time of the worst bombardments. Books were written and published. They had little external contact except with Sweden. But the Finnish brethren, in spite of being completely cut off for so many years, look to Adyar for guidance and inspiration, "trying in spirit to follow the inner currents from there". That is a testimony to the place which Adyar holds in the affection of the various Sections and Lodges throughout the world.

SWITZERLAND has been able fully to maintain its work and has kept contact as much as possible with members in the submerged Sections.

The RUSSIAN SECTION OUTSIDE RUSSIA is no longer in existence. Because of the extraordinary circumstances obtaining in Europe and the peculiar constitution of this Section with its Lodges scattered in various countries where political conditions do not permit of intercommunication, they have now affiliated themselves to the Sections in the territories where they are situated, with the hearty consent of Dr. Anna Kamensky, its most devoted General Secretary, who has nursed the Section during the entire period between the two world-wars.

Coming now to ENGLAND, Mr. John Coats reports "a very real widening of contacts with sections of the public and other Theosophical bodies". He writes that "there are many people in widely divergent walks of life who seem to be imbued with the ideal of putting Theosophy in one form or another before the public though not under that name. With the ending of the war the attendance at public meetings held by our Society has been double. There has been some increase in membership, the total of the English Section being now 3,354".

Both SCOTLAND and WALES report that work has been carried on steadily by a few devoted members. Scotland has a new General Secretary, Mr. Edward Gall, and he has visited a number of Lodges, in all of which both membership and attendance show signs of increase. A similar report comes from Eire: "Progress very steady throughout the year".

In Northern Ireland public meetings and classes are attracting large and interested audiences.

We now turn to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, where the past year has shown "a slow but steady growth and improvement in Lodge methods and the general technique of introducing Theosophy to new people". Mr. Sidney Cook, who has so successfully piloted the Section as General

Secretary for the past fourteen years, laid down his responsibility in June last, and his place has been taken by Mr. James Perkins, who reports a total active membership in the Section of 3,594. Because of war regulations no Convention could be held, but they held instead a "Convention Everywhere". Each Lodge held a Convention in that Lodge. "A consciousness of unity has swept the Section", and they are embarking on a new National programme. Membership during the fourteen years of Mr. Cook's direction has shown remarkable stability and solid growth. The Section hopes to celebrate its Golden Jubilee in 1946.

CANADA reports a gratifying increase in membership during recent years and better attendance at meetings. The new General Secretary, Col. Thompson, strikes a friendly note in his communications and wants to lay stress on Universal Brotherhood. In the Canadian Federation activity is as usual.

MEXICO maintains a steady rhythm. Our friend Peña Gil, who was for so many years at Adyar, continues to be General Secretary. He writes that several books have been published and studies carried on in all phases of Theosophy. A Theosophical colony named "Co-operative Adyar" is a new feature of the work and the report mentions the help given to the Section by Bishop Acuña, who is one of our very learned members in South America.

There are not many reports from that quarter of the globe—they will reach us after this Convention.

CHILE, URUGUAY and PORTO RICO report satisfactory work, though there are war-difficulties.

The CENTRAL AMERICAN SECTION has carried on, but internal political conditions do not permit, we are told, free meeting and talking.

In the East, really the South East, AUSTRALIA celebrated its Golden Jubilee

on January 1st. The membership there is 1,019. Broadcasting of Theosophical ideas is a feature of the propaganda work carried on by the Australian Section. Wartime restrictions prevented much development.

NEW ZEALAND is on the eve of its Golden Jubilee and is preparing a short history of the Society in that land. Its membership is 919, which is a creditable figure considering the population of the two islands. The General Secretary pays a well-deserved tribute to Mr. Geoffrey Hodson's continued assistance. "He has given us a larger public and considerably increased interest in Theosophical teachings". Miss Hunt thinks that the results of his work will be felt for long years to come. She also brings to our notice some fine groups of Young Theosophists in the Lodges who, she hopes, will presently be able to take over the responsibilities from their elders. The General Secretary has done considerable touring, and reports from every side pay tribute to her admirable efficiency and her capacity for holding the different parts of the Section together.

In South Africa an important event has been the reorganization of the Section and abolition of the former Federations, so that South Africa now constitutes a unity instead of being divided into a number of Federations. They have devoted their attention particularly to the race relations problem. Our South African brethren believe very rightly that Theosophists can give a lead in the solution of this problem, because they understand not only Brotherhood but also the truth which underlies racial differences. The problems of racial differences are being discussed by every Lodge in their several aspects in "the brotherly way of Theosophists".

The General Secretary of the INDIAN SECTION presents a comprehensive report. Its total membership

is 6,208—thus our largest Section—and there were no less than 956 new members during the year, out of these 205 young people. The General Secretary has been concentrating on reorganization at the Section Headquarters at Benares and has attracted to that centre a number of capable young workers. He has planned a scheme for the training of new workers, so essential for the further development of the work.

BURMA is reconstituting itself. The Section, though it could not be very active, has not suffered serious damage.

Among the non-sectionalized Lodges the SINGAPORE LODGE kept up informal meetings during the war and is now resuming work with quite a number of new members.

This is a very rapid survey, and within the time at my disposal it has not been possible to do any kind of justice either to the problems of these different Sections in which we as an International Convention are vitally interested, or to the activities which have been planned by their respective General Secretaries.

The Rehabilitation Fund, in which our late President, Dr. Arundale, was so keenly interested, now stands at the total of Rupees 65,238, and this sum, of which we have sent a small portion to the Rehabilitation Committee in London, does not include the sum of 5000 dollars collected in the United States and held there, nor a sum of £1000 collected by our New Zealand brethren and not yet remitted either to London or to Adyar.

The United States Section, during the year that lies behind us, has been as generous as in the preceding years in its Adyar Day donations, upon which we have come to rely for so much of the work at Adyar. It has contributed no less than Rupees 33,000, and I take this opportunity to thank our members there for this most valuable help.

AT THE CENTRE

At the Adyar centre we have steadily carried on the work in spite of the illness and passing of our President. There has been an addition to our activities in the opening of an Animal Dispensary to serve the neighbouring villages, under the devoted care of Miss Vreeswijk. Our finances have been maintained in a very satisfactory condition by our Treasurer, Dr. Srinivasa Murti, of whom I need not say much because he is so well known and loved. Our brother Mr. G. N. Gokhale, who was previously General Secretary for India, has been the Recording Secretary for the major part of the year, having transferred his activities from Benares to Adyar. We owe not only the Convention arrangements, which I believe are on the whole very satisfactory, but the carrying on of the Adyar administration, very largely to him.

Plans are being made at Adyar for the fitting celebration of the Besant-Leadbeater Centenary which is to take place in 1947, and as a part of that Centenary Celebration, for the establishment of a Training College for Teachers on Theosophical lines named after Dr. Arundale, with Madame Montessori as its first head.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Now I come to the subject of the Presidential election. Our President passed away on the night of August 11-12. Under Rule 10 of the rules of our Society, which lays down what should be done in such an eventuality, I took charge of the Presidential functions as its Vice-President, and the procedure laid down in that rule for the election of a new President has been followed by the Recording Secretary. He issued the letter to the General Council members inviting nominations on August 15, and as all nominations were to be received within a period of two months, that carried us on to

October 15. There was only one nominated candidate who had stated his willingness to stand, and that is our Brother Jinarajadasa. Though he is the only candidate, yet the rule obliges us to take votes even in such a case and such taking of votes is according to our past precedents. The votes are being taken now in the different Sections, and there is a period of four months allowed for the taking of votes and the counting of them. So we may expect the new President to be installed on February 17, 1946. I feel sure I am true to the sentiment of this gathering in saying that we all have the greatest possible confidence in the President-to-be, if I may be permitted thus to describe him, since he is the only nominated candidate—and I am sure the Society will advance in strength, expand its activities greatly according to the needs of the times, and fulfil its true purpose under his guidance and capable leadership.

OUR FUTURE TASKS

It seems to me appropriate that I should say here what in my view are the great tasks that lie before the Society as a whole and the ideas to be stressed.

We have for the last seventy years proclaimed the message of Brotherhood with no inconsiderable results. We have to continue to proclaim Brotherhood as a fact in nature, a law for one's conduct, and therefore also the only basis for a lasting civilization. That message has not been exhausted by our work in the past. We have now to extend it far and wide to every nook and corner, and make it not merely an aim and an ideal but to some extent an achieved reality. It is the master-key to most of our problems, to our present deadlocks. How it should be used to resolve those deadlocks and create happiness and security in the homes of all the peoples concerned, for

the individual, the nation, and the world as a whole, is the problem to which we should apply our constructive intellects. Economic freedom, political justice, social solidarity, individual contentment and progress, all depend on that one cardinal truth being never forgotten. It is not a truism, for nothing is truer than the truth of the unity manifested in diversity and of its binding laws. No object can be more fundamental, more far-reaching, more happiness-giving than that to which our members so freely subscribe. Let our practice be as unreserved as our profession. Let us not merely study its truth but spread and apply it for the benefit of our fellow-men.

THE COUNSEL OF FORGIVENESS

As a practical corollary to this truth we must show by example and words the wisdom of the divine counsel of forgiveness of those who have hated and injured us. The enemy is as much a brother as the friend, and until this truth is recognized, the vicious circle of karma, in which the parties concerned only reverse their roles of injurer and injured, can never be broken. The sufferer of cruelty becomes in his turn cruel, the victim of aggression only bides his time to become the aggressor. "Hatred ceaseth not with hatred; hatred ceaseth with love", which is the only true remitter of all sins.

We may be amazed and shudder at the brutalities which the invading armies have exposed, veritable hell-pits, the existence of which most of us never suspected in spite of the sulphurous smoke of hatred and evil propaganda with which the atmosphere was already being poisoned, even before the eruption took place five years ago. No tears of sympathy or even repentance can wash out the black record of these years. But are we sure such crimes will not be committed in the future, not necessarily by our present or recent enemies, but by some of those who are most

loud in calling for bitter punishment, by those very egos whom we might dispatch by way of the gallows, but who are sure to come back into incarnation in our very midst if we provide for them the conditions to which they will be attracted? War is but a huge revel or game created by the demons of the passions generated by us all the time, which gather together and swell during the interval between one holocaust and the next. Until we exorcize from our midst the mother of that evil brood, the spirit of aggression and cruelty, of man to man, of man to animal, now so rampant in innumerable forms, the enthronement of real Peace, born of Goodwill, must remain a golden dream.

DEATH AND SEPARATION

Then there is the problem of death and separation. When the world has suffered so extensively, and acutely, and is continuing to suffer, is it not possible for us Theosophists to throw some light, however dim, on the meaning of death which has come into so many homes, and the problem of suffering, loss and separation from those near and dear? Any philosophy which renders this priceless service, not only giving solace but indicating a way to remain inwardly strong amidst outer catastrophe and turn the wind of every external event to the advantage of our course towards perfect spiritual union and bliss, must be the most welcome of all comers and friends.

THE ORGANIZATION OF FREEDOM

Further, we must show the way to solve the problem of freedom, for it is a problem—freedom for the individual in any planned organization, such as becomes indispensable to wage a war of any sort, whether against another State, or, as in India now, against poverty, unemployment, old age, disease and ignorance; freedom for the weak (for such a class will ever exist, in the

natural order or divine dispensation, call it as you will) from aggression by the strong—strong whether by virtue of political power or by the possession of economic resources; freedom from want and fear for the young, the old, and the helpless, and the saving of these from neglect as well as exploitation by others on whom they have to depend; a measure of freedom from one's own passions and anti-social propensities without which it is in vain to hope to construct a happy society; and the elimination of all ideologically or otherwise suppressive tendencies. One of the greatest tasks before Theosophists in every country of the world without exception is how to create an order which will be strong, which will be happy, which will be fruitful, yet give to every single individual within it the utmost freedom possible not only for self-expression but for the expansion of his every faculty.

Then, as we clear the field by removing cruelties, misunderstandings, outworn institutions and creeds, we have to build up a fair edifice of cooperation, fellowship, and unity; cooperation in every field of activity, industry, commerce, politics, science, art, and other avocations; the fellowship of religions and faiths of like-minded seekers of truth in every form; the integration or synthesis of all available knowledge in the light of Divine Wisdom. In other words, union through the heart, the head and all organs of action belonging to the entire body of humanity.

NEW DEFINITION OF SPIRITUALITY

Theosophists have to proclaim as the root of all these changes to come, the essential spiritual nature of man, without the realization of which all his material achievements which bulk so largely must fail to give him equilibrium or happiness. We need for the new age, the global age, a new definition of spirituality which will unite all

the different races and faiths, and reveal those values which are for each individual a matter of fresh and original discovery, and which are for the peoples of the world a common heritage, whatever the special currency of any civilization in terms of which these values might have been expressed in the past.

These, brethren, very briefly and broadly outlined, are according to my present vision the tasks which have to be attempted by Theosophists in every land under the sun. Each one of us

will do well to give his individual attention to them. If we feel deeply stirred by the problems of unhappiness and disorder which are rampant at present, each of us must contribute what he can to their mitigation. There is not one of us who cannot aid in illuminating the way to their solution, if we apply ourselves to the task seriously and in earnest.

N. SRI RAM,

Vice-President in Charge

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Budget estimate of the Theosophical Society for 1944-'45 anticipated a deficit of Rs. 14,100 to be made good by Donations. Thanks largely to the donations from Adyar Day Collections to which our American Brethren have continued to contribute generously to the extent of Rs. 32,939-11-0 and to the increased income from the Garden Department converting the budgetted

deficit of Rs. 4,900 to an actual surplus of Rs. 1,354-2-8, the actual deficit amounted to Rs. 7,951-0-6 after providing for a contribution of £1,000 (Rs. 13,218-9-5) towards the Fund for the Rehabilitation of stricken Sections. This provision is now considered a matter of urgent necessity, although it was not provided for in the budget estimate of 1944-'45.

Rs. A. P.

The Total amount of donations received during the year
(including Adyar Day Collections) amounted to ... 38,228 8 9

Allocations from these donations are as shown below :

| | Rs. | A. | P. |
|--|--------|----|----|
| Fund for Repatriation of Residents ... | 10,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Besant Theosophical School ... | 3,000 | 0 | 0 |
| " for providing assistance to special purposes ... | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Olcott Harijan Free School ... | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Kalakshetra ... | 1,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Adyar Library ... | 2,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Dr. U. V. Swaminatha Iyer's Library ... | 1,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Besant Centenary Fund ... | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Faithful Service Fund ... | 3,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Welfare Fund ... | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Village and Animal Welfare Fund ... | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| World Federation of Young Theosophists ... | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| Baby Welcome ... | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Allocations ... | 995 | 6 | 3 |
| Sum made available to meet the T.S. Deficit (contributions other than Adyar Day Collections) ... | 1,255 | 4 | 9 |
| | 29,750 | 11 | 0 |
| Balance taken over to the Headquarters Fund ... | 8,477 | 13 | 9 |
| | 38,228 | 8 | 9 |

Investments : We invested during the year under report a sum of Rs. 60,000 in 3% Victory Loan and a further sum of Rs. 80,000 in 3% First Development Loan. The major part of the investment is for deposits held on behalf of various funds by the T.S.

Rehabilitation Fund : At the beginning of the year the balance at credit of this account was Rs. 22,105-7-2. Donations received during the year including a contribution of £1,000/- from the T. S. amounted to Rs. 40,446-4-1. In addition to £200/- remitted last year, we have placed a sum of £1,000/- at the disposal of the Treasurer of the Fund to meet such urgent needs as may arise. The present balance in this account is Rs. 49,171-6-9.

The Faithful Service Fund : At the commencement of the year balance at credit of the account was Rs. 41,985-8-5. Donations received during the year including Adyar Day Allocation and other receipts amounted to Rs. 6,567-13-4 and disbursements from this Fund to Rs. 6,127-13-4. The balance at credit of this account at the close of the year was Rs. 42,425-8-5. A separate statement of receipts and disbursements is attached.

Headquarters Fund : In my Report for last year, I pointed out that from a study of the figures of expenditure on the upkeep of the Adyar Estate for over 12 years, the average annual deficit worked out to about Rs. 16,000 or approximately £1,250 in round figures. I also stated that it was very desirable

that this primary expenditure which was unavoidable in its nature should be met by interest on endowment Funds or other constant and assured source of income, so that donations, legacies and other fluctuating sources of income may be devoted entirely to world wide Theosophical work emanating from Adyar, such as publication of books and magazines, arranging for lecturing tours, etc., expenditure for which purpose was to a great extent capable of adjustment according to the means at our disposal. To achieve these objectives, we have to provide for an increase, above our regular income from dues, of approximately £1,250 a year to be applied specifically to the maintenance of Adyar Estate. For this purpose we require an endowment of at least £42,000 or Rs. 600,000. The balance at credit of this account at the beginning of the year was Rs. 76,901-8-4. We have been able to add to this a sum of Rs. 12,555-11-4 this year so that the Fund now stands at Rs. 89,457-3-8.

All the Funds noted above require strengthening, specially the Fund for Rehabilitation of stricken Sections and the War Distress Relief Fund.

Submitting the Report as I do soon after the demise of our late Chief Dr. G. S. Arundale who stewarded the affairs of our Society with conspicuous ability and devotion for 11 years including six difficult years of war, it may be just as well that I set down here the following salient figures for his tenure of stewardship :

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Balance taken over to the Headquarters Fund | Rs. 89,457-3-8 |
| Balance available to meet the T.S. Deficit (contributions other than Adyar Day Collections) | Rs. 1,255-4-9 |
| Miscellaneous Allocations | Rs. 29,750-11-0 |
| Baby Welcome | Rs. 38,228-8-9 |

| | | | | 1934 | 1945 |
|----|-----------------------------|-----|-----|----------|------------|
| | | | | Rs. | Rs. |
| A. | Fluid Assets | ... | ... | 3,70,461 | 9,17,345 |
| | Liabilities | ... | ... | 2,06,403 | 7,08,057 * |
| | Excess of Fluid Assets over | | | | |
| | Liabilities | ... | ... | 1,64,058 | 2,09,288 |
| B. | Fixed Assets | ... | ... | 4,25,748 | 5,17,793 |

It is submitted that these figures speak for themselves and need no comment.

(Sd.) G. SRINIVASA MURTI,
Hon. Treasurer, The T.S.

* Liabilities (excluding the Faithful Service Fund and the Fund for Rehabilitation of War-stricken Sections built up during the war years with contributions from T.S. Funds.)

THE T. S. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

| Budget Allot- ment | EXPENDITURE | | | Rs. | A. | P. | Rs. | A. | P. |
|--------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|--------|-------|----------|----|----|
| Rs. | | | | | | | | | |
| 10,800 | To Establishment | ... | ... | ... | | | 12,055 | 14 | 5 |
| 10,000 | „ Repairs and Renewals | ... | ... | ... | | | 9,274 | 6 | 0 |
| 12,400 | „ Garden Expenses | ... | ... | ... | | | 23,204 | 15 | 0 |
| 2,000 | „ Lighting and Water | ... | ... | ... | | | 1,361 | 14 | 9 |
| 4,000 | „ Miscellaneous | ... | ... | ... | | | 5,554 | 12 | 4 |
| 2,500 | „ Watch and Ward | ... | ... | ... | | | 1,832 | 4 | 6 |
| 2,000 | „ Postages, Telegrams and Telephone | ... | ... | ... | | | 2,691 | 6 | 6 |
| 3,000 | „ Printing and Stationery | ... | ... | ... | | | 1,714 | 9 | 10 |
| 1,000 | „ Publications to General Secretaries | ... | ... | ... | | | 1,113 | 4 | 0 |
| 1,800 | „ Sanitation Expenses | ... | ... | ... | | | 1,729 | 14 | 0 |
| 500 | „ Taxes | ... | ... | ... | | | 473 | 5 | 1 |
| 1,500 | „ Pensions | ... | ... | ... | | | 401 | 10 | 1 |
| 15,000 | „ Interest paid on Funds and Deposits | ... | ... | ... | | | 15,951 | 11 | 8 |
| | „ Donations to various Funds and Accounts | ... | ... | ... | | | 28,495 | 6 | 3 |
| 1,500 | „ Press Department | ... | ... | ... | | | 1,367 | 8 | 5 |
| | „ Contributions : | | | | | | | | |
| 5,000 | Adyar Library | ... | ... | ... | 5,000 | 0 0 | | | |
| 6,600 | President's Travelling Fund | ... | ... | ... | 6,600 | 0 0 | | | |
| 2,500 | Dispensary | ... | ... | ... | 2,635 | 11 11 | | | |
| 50 | Museum and Archives | ... | ... | ... | 91 | 0 0 | | | |
| 1,000 | Welfare Grants | ... | ... | ... | 1,000 | 0 0 | | | |
| | Rehabilitation Fund | ... | ... | ... | 13,218 | 9 5 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 28,545 | 5 | 4 |
| 8,000 | „ Depreciation : | | | | | | | | |
| | On Immovable Property @ 1½% | ... | ... | ... | 6,056 | 12 0 | | | |
| | „ House Purchases Scheme @ 1½% | ... | ... | ... | 921 | 0 0 | | | |
| | „ Movable Property @ 7½% | ... | ... | ... | 1,611 | 0 0 | | | |
| | „ Bhojanasala Vessels and Tools @ 10% | ... | ... | ... | 116 | 0 0 | | | |
| | „ Leadbeater Chambers Kitchen utensils etc. @ 10% | ... | ... | ... | 146 | 6 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 8,851 | 2 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 1,44,619 | 6 | 2 |

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-'45

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V. SOUNDARARAJAN, B.A., G.D.A., R.A.

Registered Accountant and Auditor.

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

| CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES | | | | Rs. | A. | P. | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|-----|--------|-----|----------|----|----|-----------|----|----|
| Capital Fund : | | | | | | | | | |
| As per last Balance-sheet | ... | ... | ... | 5,62,231 | 13 | 8 | | | |
| Less value of Adyar Library Buildings transferred to Adyar Library Fund Account | ... | 23,935 | 0 0 | | | | | | |
| Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year | ... | ... | ... | 7,951 | 0 | 6 | | | |
| | | | | 31,886 | 0 | 6 | | | |
| | | | | 5,30,345 | 13 | 2 | | | |
| Add Capital Account of Dairy merged | ... | ... | ... | 1,301 | 7 | 4 | 5,31,647 | 4 | 6 |
| Special Funds : | | | | | | | | | |
| I | | | | | | | | | |
| Adyar Library Endowment Fund | ... | ... | ... | 1,28,001 | 8 | 4 | | | |
| " " Building Fund | ... | ... | ... | 1,26,786 | 6 | 3 | | | |
| " " Night Schools Fund | ... | ... | ... | 2,547 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| " " Short-wave Broadcasting Fund | ... | ... | ... | 5,002 | 3 | 0 | | | |
| Theatre and Lecture Hall Fund | ... | ... | ... | 15,860 | 9 | 1 | | | |
| Theosophical World University Fund | ... | ... | ... | 1,918 | 2 | 5 | | | |
| Rai Bahadur Panda Baijnath Propaganda Endowment Fund | ... | ... | ... | 25,317 | 11 | 5 | | | |
| Sri Raja Ram Feeding Fund | ... | ... | ... | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Dr. Besant's 99 years Fund | ... | ... | ... | 732 | 1 | 8 | | | |
| Parsi Shrine Fund | ... | ... | ... | 371 | 12 | 6 | | | |
| Sikh Temple Fund | ... | ... | ... | 162 | 2 | 6 | | | |
| Synagogue Fund | ... | ... | ... | 2,380 | 13 | 9 | | | |
| Sri Mudaliyandan Chetty Fund | ... | ... | ... | 11,330 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Buddhist Shrine Fund | ... | ... | ... | 260 | 7 | 8 | | | |
| Faithful Service Fund | ... | ... | ... | 42,425 | 8 | 5 | | | |
| Subba Rao Medal Fund | ... | ... | ... | 1,918 | 2 | 11 | | | |
| Besant Educational and Cultural Fund | ... | ... | ... | 1,28,485 | 10 | 5 | | | |
| Besant Birthday Celebration Fund | ... | ... | ... | 3,000 | 0 | 0 | 4,97,501 | 3 | 4 |
| II | | | | | | | | | |
| Pensions and Gratuities Fund | ... | ... | ... | 6,527 | 5 | 8 | | | |
| Investment Reserve Fund | ... | ... | ... | 14,020 | 3 | 9 | | | |
| Safe Deposit of the T.P.H. | ... | ... | ... | 300 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Advance Rent Bills | ... | ... | ... | 1,083 | 12 | 0 | | | |
| Fund for Repatriation of Residents | ... | ... | ... | 10,000 | 0 | 0 | 31,931 | 5 | 5 |
| Headquarters Fund | ... | ... | ... | | | | 89,457 | 3 | 8 |
| War Distress Relief Fund | ... | ... | ... | | | | 2,754 | 11 | 0 |
| Fund for Rehabilitation of War Stricken Sections | ... | ... | ... | | | | 49,171 | 6 | 9 |
| Village and Animal Welfare Fund | ... | ... | ... | | | | 9,405 | 3 | 6 |
| Miscellaneous Funds | ... | ... | ... | | | | 53,824 | 3 | 4 |
| Depreciation Fund : | | | | | | | | | |
| As per last Balance-sheet | ... | ... | ... | 63,271 | 10 | 8 | | | |
| Add Depreciation on Buildings | ... | ... | ... | 6,056 | 12 | 0 | | | |
| " " Movable Property | ... | ... | ... | 1,611 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| " " House Purchase Scheme | ... | ... | ... | 921 | 0 | 0 | 71,860 | 6 | 8 |
| Sundry Personal Deposits | ... | ... | ... | | | | 1,54,727 | 15 | 3 |
| Sundry Creditors | ... | ... | ... | | | | 1,437 | 14 | 7 |
| Adyar Library : (Vide separate Account) | ... | ... | ... | | | | 86,561 | 6 | 1 |
| Carried over | | | | | | | 15,80,280 | 4 | 1 |

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1945

| PROPERTY AND ASSETS | | | Rs. | A. | P. | Rs. | A. | P. |
|--|-----|-----|----------|----|----|-----------|----|----|
| Lands and Buildings Account : | | | | | | | | |
| As per last Balance-Sheet | ... | ... | 4,84,615 | 4 | 5 | | | |
| Add Additions to Buildings | ... | ... | 3,896 | 0 | 0 | 4,88,511 | 4 | 5 |
| House Purchase Scheme Account : | | | | | | | | |
| As per last Balance-sheet | ... | ... | | | | 19,281 | 14 | 2 |
| Land in Sindh as per last Balance-Sheet | ... | ... | | | | 10,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Movable Properties Account : | | | | | | | | |
| As per last Balance-sheet | ... | ... | 21,599 | 1 | 8 | | | |
| Less value of Furniture sold | ... | ... | 118 | 5 | 0 | 21,480 | 12 | 8 |
| Investments at Cost : | | | | | | | | |
| Rs. 20,600/- 3% Govt. of Madras Loan 1952 | ... | ... | 20,453 | 12 | 5 | | | |
| Rs. 1,000/- 3½% G. P. Notes 1865 | ... | ... | 510 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Rs. 5,000/- 3½% do. 1854-55 | ... | ... | 4,956 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| Rs. 44,100/- 3½% do. 1947-50 | ... | ... | 44,639 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| Rs. 1,13,400/- 4% (1960-70) Bonds | ... | ... | 1,12,116 | 5 | 3 | | | |
| Rs. 1,000/- 4% Madras Municipal Loan | ... | ... | 1,056 | 9 | 0 | | | |
| Rs. 70,000/- 3½% M.C.C.L.M. Bank Debentures | ... | ... | 70,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Rs. 10,900/- (3% Rs. 10,000/- 3½% 900) at 103% | ... | ... | 11,227 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Rs. 25,000/- Interest Free Defence Loan | ... | ... | 25,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| T.U.C.S. Ltd., Shares | ... | ... | 86 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| 4% Funding Stock. 1960-90 £11,297-6-0 | ... | ... | 1,77,046 | 4 | 1 | | | |
| 4½% India Stock. 1950-55 | ... | ... | 35,400 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 3% Defence Loan 1953-55 F. V. 80,000/- | ... | ... | 80,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 3% Victory Loan 1957 .. 1,60,000 | ... | ... | 1,60,049 | 14 | 0 | | | |
| 3% First Development Loan 1970-75 .. 80,000/- | ... | ... | 77,747 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| Investments in U.S.A. | ... | ... | 6,156 | 9 | 2 | | | |
| Rs. 300/-3½% G. P. Notes 1865 (T.P.H.) | ... | ... | | | | 8,26,445 | 12 | 11 |
| Interest accrued on Investments | ... | ... | | | | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| Fees and Dues outstanding | ... | ... | | | | 6,418 | 13 | 11 |
| Sundry Debtors | ... | ... | | | | 8,565 | 0 | 2 |
| | ... | ... | | | | 33,125 | 11 | 8 |
| Adyar Library : (Vide separate Account) | | | | | | 85,316 | 10 | 0 |
| Carried over | | | | | | 14,99,445 | 15 | 11 |

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

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ADYAR

G. SRINIVASA MURTLI

17th December 1945

Hon. Treasurer, The T.S.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1945 (continued)

| PROPERTY AND ASSETS | | | | Rs. | A. | P. | Rs. | A. | P. |
|--|-----|-----|-----|--------|----|----|-----------|----|----|
| Amount brought forward | ... | ... | ... | | | | 14,99,445 | 15 | 11 |
| Bhojanasala : | | | | | | | | | |
| Vessels and tools, less Depreciation | ... | ... | ... | 1,044 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Advances | ... | ... | ... | 300 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Loan Advances, etc. | ... | ... | ... | 2,716 | 1 | 0 | 4,060 | 1 | 0 |
| Dairy : | | | | | | | | | |
| Live Stock | ... | ... | ... | 400 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Utensils | ... | ... | ... | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Loan Advances | ... | ... | ... | 3,500 | 0 | 0 | 4,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Engineering Department : | | | | | | | | | |
| Electrical Installation, less Depreciation | ... | ... | ... | 21,921 | 7 | 9 | | | |
| Tools, less Depreciation | ... | ... | ... | 1,533 | 10 | 9 | | | |
| Stock on hand (as Estimated by the Superintendent) | ... | ... | ... | 12,802 | 5 | 6 | | | |
| Security Deposit with M.E.S.C. Ltd. | ... | ... | ... | 500 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Cash on hand | ... | ... | ... | 86 | 0 | 3 | | | |
| Advances | ... | ... | ... | 50 | 0 | 0 | 36,893 | 8 | 3 |
| Garden Department : | | | | | | | | | |
| Stock on hand | ... | ... | ... | 382 | 2 | 9 | | | |
| Bullock Cart Account, less Depreciation | ... | ... | ... | 220 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Tools and Implements less, Depreciation | ... | ... | ... | 362 | 0 | 6 | | | |
| Casurina Development Account | ... | ... | ... | 8,669 | 8 | 4 | | | |
| Advances | ... | ... | ... | 49 | 14 | 5 | | | |
| Sundry Debtors | ... | ... | ... | 64 | 4 | 10 | | | |
| Cash on hand | ... | ... | ... | 16 | 12 | 6 | 9,764 | 11 | 4 |
| Laundry : | | | | | | | | | |
| Stock on hand | ... | ... | ... | 214 | 10 | 6 | | | |
| Laundry Equipment, less Depreciation | ... | ... | ... | 626 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| Tools and Implements, less Depreciation | ... | ... | ... | 225 | 9 | 0 | | | |
| Deficit | ... | ... | ... | 275 | 4 | 6 | | | |
| Advances as per last Balance-sheet | ... | ... | ... | | 5 | 10 | | | |
| Advance Rent | ... | ... | ... | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Cash on hand | ... | ... | ... | 50 | 0 | 0 | 1,423 | 1 | 8 |
| Leadbeater Chambers : | | | | | | | | | |
| Kitchen Utensils, etc., Account, less Depreciation | ... | ... | ... | | | | 1,320 | 0 | 0 |
| Vasanta Press : | | | | | | | | | |
| Machinery and Plant, less Depreciation | ... | ... | ... | 11,068 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Types, less Depreciation | ... | ... | ... | 1,005 | 4 | 3 | | | |
| Electric Plant, less Depreciation | ... | ... | ... | 174 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Stock on hand | ... | ... | ... | 5,404 | 12 | 0 | | | |
| Sundry Debtors | ... | ... | ... | 1,671 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| Cash on hand | ... | ... | ... | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Advance Rent | ... | ... | ... | 61 | 0 | 0 | 19,484 | 8 | 3 |
| Dispensary Stock including Petty Cash Rs. 35 | ... | ... | ... | | | | 1,006 | 3 | 0 |
| Cash on hand | ... | ... | ... | 6,991 | 5 | 11 | | | |
| „ with Imperial Bank of India, Mount Road | ... | ... | ... | 35,317 | 1 | 3 | | | |
| „ „ Grindlay & Co., Ltd., Madras | ... | ... | ... | 23,676 | 11 | 6 | | | |
| „ „ Midland Bank, Ltd., London | ... | ... | ... | 24,614 | 6 | 5 | 90,599 | 9 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | 16,67,997 | 10 | 6 |

Examined and found correct,

V. SOUNDARARAJAN, B.A., G.D.A., R.A.,

Registered Accountant and Auditor.

THE T. S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1945-46

| EXPENDITURE | Budget for 1944-'45 | Actuals for 1944-'45 | Budget for 1945-'46 | INCOME | Budget for 1944-'45 | Actuals for 1944-'45 | Budget for 1945-'46 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Establishment C ... | 10,800 | c ¹ 12,056 | c ² 12,000 | Rent (including Lead- | | | |
| Repairs and Renewals ... | 10,000 | 9,274 | 10,000 | beater Chambers and | | | |
| Garden Expenses D ... | 12,400 | 23,205 | 16,330 | Bhojanasala) A ... | 26,000 | 33,277 | 25,000 |
| Lighting and Water ... | 2,000 | 1,361 | 2,000 | Conservancy ... | 850 | 888 | 850 |
| Miscellaneous E ... | 4,000 | 5,555 | 5,000 | Fees and Dues ... | 11,000 | 15,864 | 15,000 |
| Watch and Ward F ... | 2,500 | 1,832 | 5,000 | Garden Income ... | 7,500 | 24,559 | 12,200 |
| Postages, Telegrams and | | | | Interest (Gross) ... | 25,000 | 25,200 | 25,000 |
| Telephone ... | 2,000 | 2,691 | 2,500 | Administration Charges | 7,000 | 7,130 | 7,130 |
| Printing and Stationery G ... | 3,000 | 1,714 | 3,000 | | | | |
| Publications to General | | | | Special Departments: | | | |
| Secretaries ... | 1,000 | 1,113 | 1,000 | Engineering Depart- | | | |
| Sanitation Expenses H ... | 1,800 | 1,730 | 2,300 | ment B ... | 37,280 | 74,849 | 41,100 |
| Taxes ... | 500 | 473 | 500 | Laundry ... | 6,900 | 8,232 | 8,000 |
| Pensions ... | 1,500 | 402 | 500 | Vasanta Press ... | 42,300 | 47,982 | 46,000 |
| Welfare Grants ... | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | Deficit to be made good | | | |
| Interest payable on Funds... | 15,000 | 15,952 | 17,000 | by Donations: | 14,100 | 7,951 | 17,550 |
| Press Department ... | 1,500 | 1,368 | 1,000 | | | | |
| Forest Guard ... | 300 | | 400 | | | | |
| Contributions: | | | | | | | |
| Adyar Library ... | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | | | | |
| President's Travelling | | | | | | | |
| Fund ... | 6,600 | 6,600 | 6,600 | | | | |
| Dispensary ... | 2,500 | 2,636 | 2,500 | | | | |
| Museum and Archives ... | 50 | 91 | 100 | | | | |
| Rehabilitation Fund ... | | 13,219 | | | | | |
| Depreciation: ... | 8,000 | 8,851 | 9,000 | | | | |
| Special Departments: | | | | | | | |
| Engineering Department... | 37,280 | 74,349 | 41,100 | | | | |
| Laundry ... | 6,900 | 8,141 | 8,000 | | | | |
| Vasanta Press ... | 42,300 | 48,137 | 46,000 | | | | |
| | | | 1,97,830 | | | | 1,97,830 |

A. Diminished Estimate is on account of discontinuance of payment made by Military Authorities.

B. " " " "

C. c1. Increase is due to enhanced scales in salaries and Dearness Allowance with retrospective effect. c2. Provision for increase is due to enhanced rates of wages, Dearness Allowance, etc.

D. Increased expenditure keeps pace with increased income.

E. Provision is made for expenses of Leadbeater Chambers and Bhojanasala based on previous year's actuals.

F. Increase is due to enhanced scale in salary and dearness allowance and enrolment of extra watchmen.

G. Increased provision is for printing General Reports of two years (1944 and 1945).

H. Increase is due to enhanced rates of wages and dearness allowance and additional staff.

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,

Hon. Treasurer, The T.S.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 1945-'46

| EXPENDITURE | Budget for 1944-'45 Rs. | Actuals for 1944-'45 Rs. | Budget for 1945-'46 Rs. | INCOME | Budget for 1944-'45 Rs. | Actuals for 1944-'45 Rs. | Budget for 1945-'46 Rs. |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Salaries and Pensions ... | 6,500 | * 7,896 | † 10,500 | T.S. Contribution ... | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Purchase of Books, and Manuscripts including copying charges ... | 1,000 | 1,129 | 1,000 | Sale of Publications ... | 2,200 | 3,695 | 4,000 |
| Publications and Book- binding ... | 5,400 | 5,018 | 5,000 | Allocation from Adyar Day Collections and other Donations ... | 2,500 | 3,457 | 2,500 |
| Furnishing and Repairs ... | 500 | 548 | 500 | Interest on Endowment ... | 3,000 | 3,727 | 3,700 |
| Postages ... | 350 | 259 | 300 | Excess of Expenditure over Income ... | 2,300 | 504 | 3,500 |
| Printing and Stationery ... | 500 | 408 | 400 | | | | |
| Contingencies and Miscel- laneous ... | 100 | 16 | 100 | | | | |
| Insurance—Fire and War- Risk ... | 400 | 198 | 200 | | | | |
| Gratuity Reserve ... | 250 | 192 | 200 | | | | |
| Depreciation ... | | 542 | 500 | | | | |
| | | | 18,700 | | | | 18,700 |

* Increase under this head is due to the payment of Dearness Allowance to all employees at enhanced rates and with effect from 1-7-'44, so that expenditure for three months of the previous financial year also is included under this head.

† Increase under salaries is due to provision made for payment of increased Dearness Allowance to Employees, and maintenance of special staff for preparation of Descriptive Catalogue.

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,

Hony. Director.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT'S
TRAVELLING FUND

| | | Rs. A. P. |
|---|-----|-------------------|
| The Theosophical Society in England, £102-0-0 ... | ... | 1,348 4 7 |
| " " " " Scotland, £9-18-0 ... | ... | 131 8 0 |
| Contribution from Headquarters ... | ... | 6,600 0 0 |
| | | <u>8,079 12 7</u> |

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL
SECRETARIES OF THE
NATIONAL SOCIETIES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This is my fifteenth and final annual report and the fourth written in the war years. A capable and dedicated co-worker, Mr. James S. Perkins has since been elected to succeed me.

The membership of the National So-

ciety has in recent years demonstrated a remarkable stability and sound growth. In the year under review, and for the fourth time in succession, the record shows an increase in membership. The following brief table will be of interest:

| Year ended June 30 | New Members | Reinstatement ments | Resignations | Inactives | Deaths |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|
| 1942 | 258 | 177 | 48 | 310 | 53 |
| 1943 | 303 | 155 | 42 | 257 | 55 |
| 1944 | 296 | 142 | 64 | 153 | 66 |
| 1945 | 398 | 105 | 59 | 221 | 71 |

The number of active members on June 30th 1945 was 3594. The number of deaths—with one exception the largest since 1933—unfortunately included a number of stalwart servers, among them Marie Russak Hotchener, Julia K. Sommer, Ralph Kyle and Eugene Wix. The departure of these, who have served so dependably and given of their strength, is a great loss to the work.

The number of our Lodges remained unchanged. Two new Lodges were chartered and two were dissolved, one of these by consolidation with another existing Lodge.

The year covered by this report is the first in my administration in which we have not been burdened with payments on account of bonds. The year ending June 30, 1944 cleared up that longstanding obligation. \$7,500 was provided by the retiring Board as a special reserve for war deferred maintenance, in order that this might be a charge upon the administration of the war years where it would have fallen had labour and materials been available. The incoming administration is thus absolved of this cost.

Field Work.—Lecture tours were continued under restricted and difficult

wartime travel conditions by our National Vice-President, Mr. Perkins, whose travels covered all the eastern and central portions of the country, visiting forty-one Lodges, in the course of which he gave one hundred public lectures and member talks. His work was supplemented by brief tours by Miss Joy Mills to near-by states and to the Pacific coast. Mr. L. W. Rogers and Mr. Fritz Kunz interspersed some field work with their activities, and local lecturers, sponsored by federations, made a noteworthy contribution.

Department of Information.—This active department was responsible during the year for the direct distribution of approximately 34,000 publicity leaflets (not including those sold and distributed through Lodges) in addition to 15,000 furnished free to groups and individuals for distribution to soldiers. Approximately 1500 inquirers were written to and 265 of these were referred to Lodges. This department directly added nineteen to the number of our members. Four hundred Theosophical books were placed in various public or educational libraries throughout the country.

Theosophical Press.—The Press sold over 20,000 books, all but 685 of these

being merchandise from its own stock. This total does not include smaller pieces selling at 25c. or less, of which over 10,000 were sold. Nor does it include the special 5c. editions, of which over 48,000 were placed in the hands of readers; nor the regular publicity leaflets which reached readers to the total of over 67,000 copies.

Other Activities.—No awards were made in the Olcott Foundation project, but it was resolved that the committee be continued to work intensively during the succeeding year for an adequate number of entries of high standard, looking toward an Olcott Lecture and other contributions at the Convention in 1946.

The Successful Service project was further developed during the year through the publication of the first two pamphlets, *THE LODGE* and *HELPFUL HINTS*, and a series of articles from which other pamphlets will in due course be compiled and issued.

The Theosophical Order of Service continued work in its several departments under Miss Esther Renshaw as Chief Brother, the Society regularly providing space in its magazine for the promotion of this essential adjunctive activity.

The National Committee on Membership, operating under the chairmanship of Miss Marie Poutz, brought its useful activity to a close after a number of years of very faithful service devoted to the creation of a warm and attractive atmosphere of friendliness in every Lodge.

A recent project, born out of war need, took form in the Rehabilitation Fund and brought generous response from members throughout the American Society, and from our South and Central American brothers also. Dr. Arundale

as President appointed Mr. Cook as his personal representative and custodian of the Fund collected in this hemisphere, to be drawn upon by the Rehabilitation Committee in Europe as the development of the work requires. At the date of this report, over \$10,000 has been contributed.

The New Administration.—Under the provision of the byelaws, a national election took place in the later months of the year, resulting in the election of my successor in the National Presidency, Mr. James S. Perkins, the reinstatement of Mr. E. Norman Pearson in the office of National Vice-President which he had held some years earlier, and the election of a new Board of Directors. The changes on the Board included the severance of Miss Poutz and Mr. Cook from its membership since both wished to retire, and Mr. Kyle upon whose death Mr. Michael temporarily served, and the addition of Mr. Henry Hotchener, Miss Ann Kerr and Mr. L. W. Rogers. My successor appends a note to bring this report up-to-date.

SIDNEY A. COOK

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Total number of active Lodges | |
| as per last report | ... 129 |
| Total number of active Lodges | |
| in year under report | ... 129 |
| New Centres | ... 2 |
| Centres dissloved | ... 2 |
| Total number of Centres | ... 129 |
| Total number of active mem- | |
| bers as per last report | ... 3,440 |
| Total number of active mem- | |
| bers in year under report | ... 3,594 |
| Net Increase | ... 154 |

JAMES S. PERKINS,

National President.

ENGLAND

For our Society, this year has brought a very real widening of contacts. Whereas we had been happy in the past with the quantity increases of membership, which incidentally are continuing, for the first time it seems possible to state that a change in quality is also noticeable. Our efforts individually and in groups to make warm contacts with other people working on similar lines do seem to have been more productive of results.

We have friendly contacts with members of the Point Loma Society who have recently reprinted from 'Theosophical News and Notes' one of Mrs. Ransom's articles. This gesture on their part we welcome for it means a step forward for the whole movement.

Personal contacts have been made through the medium of the Liason Officer, and it is increasingly clear that there are many people in widely divergent walks of life who are imbued with the ideal of putting Theosophy in some form or another, though not always under that name, before the public. It may be along cultural lines, through the theatre, through healing, and other ways. One feels these trends, and there are many of them, must one day all link together in a union which all are gradually coming to recognize as superior to the smaller groups, and in a very true sense essential to the success of each group's work. This is our chance, but it must be taken by a 1945 future-looking Theosophical Society.

Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.—After two years' stay in England, Mr. Jinarajadasa left again for India, carrying with him the gratitude of the English Section for his stalwart presence with us in these difficult years of war.

Europe.—The European Federation has continued to make London its Headquarters, and to issue its quarter-

ly *Theosophy in Action* from this address.

At the invitation of the French and Belgian Sections respectively the General Secretary, Mr. John Coats, attended the First Conventions to be held since the liberation of these countries, and in this way it was possible to re-establish in a cordial and direct way the relations that had been interrupted for so long.

Whilst fighting was still going on in western Europe, it was officially announced that parcels of clothing, linen, shoes, soap and tinned food could be sent to the liberated areas through the Red Cross. An appeal for these was made and a very large number of members sent what they could spare, so that in spite of the general shortage of these articles and the strict rationing it was possible to give some practical help in kind to many who had lost everything.

Some members also offered to open their homes for a short period to the child refugees from western Europe who were sent over here for a few months to recover from the effects of under-nourishment.

An appeal was launched in *Theosophical News and Notes* for books in English and other European languages. This has met with a generous response, and as soon as communication facilities permit, these books will be sent to the Continent for the work there.

Prof. J. E. Marcault, the former General Secretary of the French Section, has been able to pay us a visit during which he addressed the National Council and gave a lecture at Headquarters which was greatly appreciated.

Headquarters Activities.—There has been a notable increase in the number of meetings since the bomb menace ceased. The League of Healing has formed a weekly group, two Lodges and two Centres meet regularly. *The*

Secret Doctrine class and the Enquirers' class were continued and at the end of the year there was also 'A Theosophical Study of Psychology' class. The Public Lectures on Sunday and Wednesday evenings attracted a much larger public at the end than at the beginning of the year, as bombing continued until Easter. During the first three months the lectures took the form of a Basic Theosophy Campaign, dealing with Man and his Bodies, Reincarnation and the Law of Adjustment, and this was followed by lectures on the Three Objects spread over five months.

Information Department.—248 letters from enquirers were answered, and as a result 31 new members were enrolled. 202 books were borrowed from the Free Library. 160 study courses, 20 lecture notes, and 55 copies of the speakers' course were sold during the year. A further parcel of 28 books was sent to the Blavatsky Lodge at Accra, Gold Coast. One new booklet, *Lodge*

Work and Organization, was issued, four leaflets have been reprinted and one new leaflet printed. Miss S. Oppenheimer, who has given forty years of devoted service to the Society, retired from active work in the Enquiry Room, and Miss H. M. Sare has joined the staff for this work.

Library.—Although the number of library subscribers increased by 10 per cent and there was also an increase in the number of members of the Society, the number of books circulated decreased slightly during the year, the total number amounting 17,530, a decline probably due to the bombing.

Membership.—As is shown in the statistics, the membership has once more risen by about $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent and stands now at 3,496. We have been able to contact again our members in the Channel Islands for the first time since 1940, and although their hardship has been great it has not been so extreme as we had at one time feared.

Statistics of Membership—

| January to December | | | | January to December | | | |
|---------------------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--|--|--|
| 1944 | | | | 1945 | | | |
| 2,658 | Members of Lodges and Centres | ... | ... | 2,886 | | | |
| 659 | Unattached Members | ... | ... | 610 | | | |
| 3,317 | Total | ... | ... | 3,496 | | | |
| 52 | Members resigned | ... | ... | 75 | | | |
| 88 | Members lapsed | ... | ... | 100 | | | |
| 39 | Members died | ... | ... | 53 | | | |
| 2 | Members transferred | ... | ... | 9 | | | |
| 181 | Total | ... | ... | 237 | | | |
| 327 | Members joined | ... | ... | 416 | | | |
| 146 | Net gain | ... | ... | 179 | | | |
| 112 | Number of Lodges | ... | ... | 111 | | | |
| 32 | Number of Centres | ... | ... | 33 | | | |
| | New Lodges | ... | ... | | | | |
| 2 | New Centres (Putney Bridge, Polish, Chester). | | | 3 | | | |
| 3 | Lodges Dissolved (Holloway) | ... | ... | 1 | | | |
| 6 | Centres dissolved (Malvern, International). | | | 2 | | | |

Conferences and Summer Schools.—This year it has been possible to begin this type of activity once more. Conferences and study week-ends were held in many parts of the country and a well attended and successful summer school at Harrogate.

West Africa and Trinidad.—Work has continued steadily throughout the year and there were a number of new members in these areas.

Conclusion.—There is every evidence

to show that the work of the Society will continue to go ahead strongly. In a world of universal change it is for our Lodges to maintain steadiness where that is based on Reality and at the same time cast off bonds of the past with an open-mindedness for a new Theosophical approach to the world of men.

JOHN COATS,

General Secretary.

INDIA

I took charge as General Secretary of the Indian Section in January 1945. Since then my main preoccupation has been in the direction of strengthening the Section Headquarters at Benares. I believe that for the intensification of the Theosophical work in India our paramount need is to make the Section Headquarters a powerful Centre pulsating with new life and vigour.

For the more efficient running of our various activities at the Section Headquarters we have departmentalized all our work. There are now several departments working in the compound with a Head for each department working under the direction of the General Secretary. The Indian Section Office is naturally the co-ordinating instrument for all these various departments.

The work of this office has been completely overhauled thanks to the able assistance given by several of our devoted workers. Mr. Henry van de Poll has been appointed as Office Superintendent, and he has indeed worked tirelessly for the reorganisation of the office work. Now the Indian Section membership has been card-indexed. The entire membership of the Indian Section has been checked up in consultation with the Federation Secretaries and so has been brought up-to-date. We have also introduced a

system of *Work Forms* to be filled in every month and sent to us by Lodges. This keeps the Section Office in touch with different Lodges and their activities.

The Indian Section Library.—The Indian Section Library is now housed in the old Bookshop building. We have now a Reading Room attached to the Library and a circulating library scheme has been put into operation.

The Indian Bookshop.—The Indian Bookshop is now located in new quarters near the main gate of the Compound. The Indian Section has also taken over the Ananda Publishing House which till now was being run at Allahabad.

The Publicity Department.—We have opened at the Section Headquarters a Publicity Department. A big plan of publications has been drawn up, both of leaflets and books. Under the auspices of the Publicity Department we have started "The Theosophical News Service for India" which will from time to time issue to the Indian Press statements commenting on the burning topics of the day. The Publicity Department has established contacts with several educational and other public institutions in Benares and outside. Attached to the Publicity Department is also an Information

Department supplying information on matters connected with The Theosophical Society to those who seek information.

Membership.—During the year under report there has been a considerable increase in membership and this increase is in practically all the provincial Federations. The total of new members throughout the Indian Section is 956; added to this are 158 dormant members who have revived their memberships during the year; 48 members have resigned, 328 have dropped out due to failure in payment of dues and 107 have passed away. The *actual membership* on 30th September 1945 stands at 6,208. Out of these increases in membership the most noteworthy is the increase in the All-India Federation of Young Theosophists where 205 young people have come in as members during the year.

During the year 16 new Lodges and 5 new Centres have been chartered, among these there are 6 new Youth Lodges. The total number of active Lodges and Centres affiliated to the Indian Section as on 30th September 1945 come to 419 (389 Lodges and 30 Centres). There are 5,052 male members and 1,156 female members in the Indian Section, which shows that comparatively few women have been enrolled as members of the Indian Section.

During the year Dr. Arundale and Shrimati Rukmini Devi made in extensive tour of the country visiting a number of places. Their visits brought

about great revivification in these Lodges and quite a number of people joined The Theosophical Society. We are grateful to them both for the strength they have infused into the Theosophical work in India.

We were fortunate to have Bro. C. Jinarajadasa in India throughout the year. He paid visits to a number of Lodges in India and presided over the North Indian Conference which was held at Benares during the Easter holidays. His stay in Benares for three weeks was a great inspiration to all. Our most heartfelt thanks are due to him also for the munificent donation of Rs. 10,000/- he gave for the Section work. It was this donation that gave us a start so far as the strengthening of the Indian Section is concerned.

In spite of numerous duties which he had to discharge at Adyar Mr. N. Sri Ram conducted the Workers' Camp at Juhu. For fifteen days he gave exquisitely beautiful talks to the workers who had gathered there. He also presided over the Marathi Federation at Kolhapur and visited Cawnpore, Etawah, Agra and Gwalior.

During the year, due to preoccupation with the work at the Benares Centre and the Indian Section Office, I could not do much touring. However, Shridevi Mehta and I visited a few places during the year. The Lodges visited by us were Gwalior, Juhu, Bombay, Dadar, Poona, Surat, Ahmedabad and Mirzapur.

ROHIT MEHTA,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

Membership.—The Membership now stands at 1019 which, considering many adverse conditions arising from wartime restrictions, may be considered satisfactory.

Golden Jubilee.—On 1st January we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the Section and during Easter we celebrated the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the first Section Convention.

Convention was held in Melbourne and proved to be a very happy occasion.

Broadcasting.—Excellent work is being accomplished per medium of the radio. The policy of previous years has been observed in respect of the allocation of the four weekly sessions over Station 2GB, Sydney. Three sessions have been regularly taken by members and the fourth session by organisations engaged in various forms of humanitarian work.

Theosophy in Australia.—The Section magazine has been published quarterly instead of bi-monthly as formerly. The difficulty of obtaining suitable paper and the high cost of publication made this change necessary. The Section is greatly indebted to the Hon. Editor, the Rt. Rev. L.W. Burt for editing these quarterly issues of the Section journal.

The President's appeals on behalf

The Swedish Section has been in a very happy privileged position during the past six years, and has been able to continue its work as usual. As nearly one third of the members live in Stockholm, most of the public lectures are held there—about eighty to ninety meetings a year, including lodge meetings. But the smaller lodges all over the country have continued their lodge work, from time to time having a public lecture, usually with a visiting lecturer from Stockholm, sent out on a lecture tour by the Section.

Every summer Theosophical summer schools have been held, attended by about fifty people from different parts of the country. Our magazine has also continued and is now in its 56th year, which probably makes it one of the oldest idealistic publications in this country.

of famine stricken people in India and the Rehabilitation Fund inaugurated to assist T.S. Sections in war devastated countries, have received generous financial support from the members of this Section.

The Australian Section has now reached its 50th milestone which in itself is a splendid achievement. During the past fifty years much has been accomplished in illuminating the minds and giving purpose to the lives of people. Humanity is now at the crossroads and the coming years offer new and greater opportunities to all members who willingly co-operate in the service of the Great Ones by spreading the truths of the Ancient Wisdom. May the next fifty years record that we have proved worthy of the trust reposed in us.

RAY G. LITCHFIELD,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

And now the Swedish members are eager to take up international contacts again, which we missed so badly during the war. The Section has already been visited by friends from the Norwegian, Finnish, Icelandic and Danish Sections. On White Lotus Day 1945, the meeting in Stockholm was visited by a Norwegian member, who had been one of the leaders of the Resistance Movement in his country, and had had to fly to Sweden some months before. It was an experience not to be forgotten to celebrate Lotus Day together with him on the day after Norway had been liberated.

Many of our members have therefore privately sent lots of parcels with food, clothes, etc., to the suffering countries, and taken Dutch, Finnish and other children to their homes in order to restore their health.

PER-ERIK LUNDEN,
Joint General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

Our New Zealand Section is on the verge of its 50th year Jubilee. Its Charter was issued on the 7th April, 1896, and we are making plans to celebrate accordingly. We are preparing a short history of the work of the Society in New Zealand in which we shall honour the names of the early workers.

Membership.—Fifty-six new members have joined during the year; but our loss by death is heavy and we end this year with a gain of only seven. The membership stands at 919. We have 15 Lodges and two active centres.

Annual Convention.—The 48th Annual Convention was held in Christchurch to mark the 50th year of their work. In response to the President's call *World Regeneration Through Greatness* was the chosen theme. One of the highlights of the Convention was a *unique broadcast* given from the Lodge Hall to celebrate its *Jubilee*. Given in the form of question-and-answer it covered Lodge history, the teachings and ideals of Theosophy, youth work.

A resolution was passed at Convention affirming the need for a Section Headquarters, and donations were made to a Fund for this purpose.

A committee was set up under the chairmanship of Mr. Geoffrey Hodson to study the question of *Religious Instruction in Schools* and to present a report to the next Convention.

World Appeal Rehabilitation Fund. New Zealand members have donated the sum of £1,170 for the assistance of rehabilitation of our submerged Sections.

Vasanta Garden School.—The educational work in Vasanta Garden School continues to be one of the most important of our Section activities, and the Principal Miss B. H. Darroch reports an excellent year's work.

Other Section Activities.—Our Section magazine *Theosophy in New Zealand* has been produced quarterly during the year and sent to all members. An excellent *Leadbeater Lecture*, *The Magic Flute: a Mystery Drama of the Soul* was highly commended by the judges and was read at Convention by the young author Mr. Noel S. Jenkin. The *Youth Work* has been particularly encouraging this year; there are some fine groups of Young Theosophists in the Lodges. *Broadcasting* has been a regular activity with several of our members. *The Theosophical Women's Association* has given prominence to the need for women's influence in the greater home of the Nation. *The New Zealand Vegetarian Society* founded by Theosophists has now 300 members and is active in many of the larger centres. The work of the *Animal Welfare group* has been outstanding.

Lecture Tours.—Lecture tours have been made during the year by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, who has given us a large public and considerably increased interest in Theosophy in this country. As General Secretary I have visited a large number of the Lodges.

Wonderful now is the opportunity of our Society and deep indeed its responsibility to strengthen the world with new knowledge. Great in its origin, great in its mission, lofty in its idealism, The Theosophical Society must surely have within it the destiny of a great future. It is in itself the new world-order for in its teachings there is the revelation of what the new world-order shall be—a true and living Brotherhood, with a knowledge of the vital truths upon which that Brotherhood is founded.

E. HUNT,

General Secretary.

NETHERLANDS.

After five years of forced seclusion and inaction, the first contact with the Society at large came when the southern part of our country was liberated by the Allies and Col. van Dissel returned to Holland early in the year.

Mr. van Dissel asked me to act as Presidential Agent until the whole of Holland would have been liberated and elections for National Council and General Secretary could take place.

When Amsterdam could be reached and it was ascertained that the most of our old and faithful members had got through the ordeal of suppression and famine in safety, a working group was called together by Col. van Dissel, consisting of Miss Dykgraaf, Assistant General Secretary, Mr. van Hinlopen Labberton, Treasurer, Mr. Ros, Professor van der Ley and Mr. Vermeulen, who set to work to carry out the instructions given by the President.

Thanks especially to Miss Dykgraaf the working committee succeeded in drawing together the scattered members and issued our paper *De Theosofische Beweging*.

The reconstitution of the scattered members and Lodges was not an easy

task; about 70 members had passed away during wartime and many others had moved to different places, but in due time reports from the Lodges came in and elections took place of the deputies for the National Council.

The meeting of this Council has not yet taken place, as we are waiting to know about the plans of our last General Secretary Mr. Kruisheer, who is on his way back from South Africa.

We had a well attended Convention on November 18th to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Society. Notwithstanding the fact that travelling at this present moment is still very difficult, about 250 members met at Amsterdam with great enthusiasm.

A sign of the times is shown by the large numbers of candidates for membership flocking in from all sides.

The passing of the President threw a shadow over our work of renewal, but we all agree that to carry on our task in the present and future to the utmost of our ability will be the best way to show our loyalty to his memory.

E. L. SELLEGER,

Acting General Secretary.

FRANCE

A short visit to England enables me to write more fully than it has been possible from France, and to give you an account of the rebirth of our French Section. With the Allied Victory in France, and the return of political Freedom, all previous laws of exception were repealed and the T.S. took the necessary action to obtain possession of our Headquarters and Lodge Centres, and issued a circular to our old members. On December 10th 1944 we held our first public meeting in our Adyar Hall, a most happy and beauti-

ful opening to our activities with more than 500 members—many of our old members gradually renewed their membership and several hundred new members, whose sympathies had been awakened by the absurd persecution of war-time, and belonging mostly to cultured circles, claimed admission. We are now nearing 2000. There was not one dissenting voice, and the unity of our brotherhood was, and remains complete.

Convention.—We had our first "Assemblée Générale" on May 6th 1945.

I had remained in charge of the General Secretaryship until then, but as my deafness renders participation in Council affairs difficult, I resigned, and proposed my friend M. Benzimbra for election, whom the Council nominated. He is a high Government official, a skilled administrator, was privileged to assist Madame Z. Blech at her last moments, and has solemnly promised to her then, that her and her family's work for Theosophy should be maintained and carried forward, and he is in my opinion not only the best qualified, but the most deserving for that responsibility. He was elected with

total unanimity, the previous Council members were re-elected, excellent new ones were added to complete the Council, young and devoted ones, and the activity of the Section continues with renewed vigour and a wealth of new ideas for expanding the work. Pascaline Mallet is a splendid Secretary, with a fine group of distinguished helpers. Dr. Brosse who suffered prison and cruelty from the Germans, is assistant to the General Secretary. Our ship is lifting its sails high for the Great Wind which we feel coming.

EMIL MARCAULT,
General Secretary.

July 1945

ITALY

On November 17 1944, with the permission of the Allied Military Government, we have been able, here in Florence, to reconstitute the Theosophical Society in Italy, after it had been arbitrarily dissolved by the Fascist Government in 1938. Now, in these last months, new lodges have been opened, in Pisa, Novara, Mirandola, Vigevano, Rome and Genoa: and now we hope soon to have others in Turin, Milan, Palermo, Naples, Bari and Trieste. Owing to the terrible conditions of the Italian railways, it is impossible for the moment to hold a National Convention. When that is possible, it will crown the formal revival of The Theosophical Society in Italy as a National Section, and will

elect the General Secretary and the Council. In the meantime Dr. Gasco, our former General Secretary, and myself are trying to encourage and direct in the best way possible the revival of lodges in the different Italian cities in order to begin again the Theosophical work so necessary in this country, so cruelly tried.

I beg you to convey through the Federation our fraternal greetings and good wishes to the Theosophists of the other European nations.

With brotherly greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

ROBERTO HACK,
Assistant General Secretary
Florence, October 1945

GERMANY

No Report owing to war conditions.

CUBA

The new General Secretary, Sr. Armando Alfonso Ledón, reports the passing of the General Secretary of the Cuban Section, Sra. Esther de la Pena on 27th October 1944. She was succeeded in office by Sra. Andrée Moreau de Lariot who held office till 21st June 1945 when Señor Alfonso Ledón was elected.

The Cuban Section has gone through a somewhat difficult time as there arose a disagreement between the various Lodges regarding the modification of the Rules of the Section. But with

good-will and brotherliness a suitable arrangement has been made and they hope that on the Annual Convention of 1946 they will find themselves completely united again. Brother Juan Cruz Bustillo has been a great help in this work of reconciliation.

The Lodges in general have carried on the work in spite of all war difficulties and the Section has maintained throughout a nucleus of 580 members.

ARMANDO ALFONSO LEDON,
General Secretary.

HUNGARY

Members have great difficulty in getting to Headquarters, travel being most difficult and the only bridge across the Danube so crowded that no one knows how long it will take to cross. Yet all the members are longing for news of what is going on, for translations of articles from *The Theosophist*, etc. The duplicating machine has fortunately been saved, so with paper this need can be met.

The next necessity is the repair of the flat. The building stands in a much bombed area, and has suffered blast. The walls look hideous, with partly denuded bricks and without mortar, the paint dirty, in many places missing. It all sounds very familiar to members in many other countries!

And then fuel is wanted, for with utmost economy the present supply cannot last beyond February. People in Budapest are working in cold rooms, often without windows. The Theosophical Headquarters has so far managed one fire, and heat for meetings.

The food situation remains serious, even the low official ration not being supplied, so that it is necessary to barter personal belongings for enough

for mere existence. *But the work goes on.*

RECORDS INTACT

Our library is intact, and that is the most wonderful thing of all. When that great explosion happened which made the walls burst, the shelves containing the books did not even move from their places. And they are just standing, not fixed, but leaning against the walls. In the days after the siege, a few Russian soldiers came into Headquarters, and seeing the book shelves up to the ceiling, with all the books on them, exclaimed, "Kultura! Kultura!", and turned on their heels and off they went. Nothing else happened to the Headquarters, although during the Nazi occupation we were sore afraid that some Gestapo or other impossible being would step in and lay hand on the books and all else. Of course we had our most precious books hidden at different members' houses, but nothing happened to anything. It is quite marvellous . . .

During all the time of the persecution of the Jews our members behaved

very beautifully, justifying their Theosophy. Many of our Jewish members found refuge, got food and other help from them, many hid at Headquarters for days or even longer. One of our prominent members was in prison for a whole month for helping a Jewish member. We had our great book con-

taining the names of all members hidden at our Secretary's, private house, and not one name has been cancelled. Everyone knew it would not last long . . .

F. SELEVÉR,
General Secretary.

FINLAND

During the Spring-term 1944 Theosophical work was disturbed by the great bomb raids over Helsinki and other places, and many members had to move from town and some lodges had to interrupt their meetings. After hostilities between Russia and Finland had ceased in September 1944, people returned to their daily work and theosophical work too began regularly and grew in liveliness. Many places had been evacuated, and the population moved westward from the territory seized by Russia, among them the province and town of Wiipuri where there was a theosophical lodge "Sampo." This Lodge has now begun meetings in Helsinki.

Membership.—The number of members, which decreased during the war, is increasing. Membership in *December 1944* was 547, a net increase of 17 for the year.

The Swedish study-circle in Porvoo is lead by Mr. Klas Gustafson, a youth

leader and an enthusiastic theosophist who gathers young people. He visited Turku Swedish Lodge, lecturing on death, and wrote letters in Swedish and linked the two Swedish lodges together. Visiting lecturers to the country were Mr. Atte Pohjanmaa who visited Kotka and Mr. Yrjo Kallinen who went to Turku. Miss Eva Franzen from Sweden lectured in Turku.

Our Annual Convention was this year, 1945, held at Easter. It was a very enthusiastic and successful meeting. We had the pleasure to have as our guest and representative of the Swedish Section Mrs. Eva Ostelius from Stockholm.

May brotherliness and love link together all suffering nations and individuals and cure the wounds that hatred and selfishness have given to humanity. In this work the Finnish Section will take part.

ARMAS RANKKA,
General Secretary.

RUSSIA OUTSIDE RUSSIA

No Report. Section dissolved

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report owing to war conditions.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Under the able guidance of Mr. Jan Kruisheer, who has been our National President until he had to leave for Europe, we consolidated the Section administration, and started an active campaign for Brotherhood between the different races of this country.

In this effort we closely co-operated with the South-African Institute of Race Relations, which is doing splendid work in gathering data on the subject and so influencing public opinion. Nearly all our Lodges have regular study-meetings on the problem of Race-Relations. We are also trying to co-ordinate all the many different movements towards this same goal.

Seeing the dire necessity of spreading Theosophy among the Afrikaans speaking population, we have already issued several pamphlets and a translation of

Mr. Leadbeater's *Outline of Theosophy* in Afrikaans. The "Institute for Theosophical Publicity in South Africa" has been constituted as a registered Non-Profit Company.

We are very thankful that we still have our two great workers Miss Clara Codd and Bishop John Cordes with us.

Membership.—Our membership during 1945 shows again a satisfactory increase. We started the year with 521 members on the Roll. There were 86 new admissions and 12 re-admissions. Against this we lost 6 members by death, 15 resigned, 29 lapsed and 2 were transferred to other Sections. This means a nett gain of 46 members with a total membership of 567 at the end of the year.

ELEANOR STAKESBY-LEWIS,

Acting National President.

SCOTLAND

Quite a number of our Lodges are only in process of effecting the transition from war-time to peace-time conditions. Attendances are increasing, and the general public is evincing more interest in our teachings. It is too soon yet to say how far this will spread or to what extent the post-war world will give heed to the Theosophical teachings and to our witness to them. The adoption of a new technique in our approach to this new age has been engaging our attention and we are experimenting in this matter, but here also it is too soon to estimate results.

As a whole, young people are still

very much under-represented in our Section, but we hope that with the cessation of hostilities matters will improve in this respect. During the six years of war, the main burden of the work has been carried on, in most cases, by relatively few but devoted members under difficult conditions, and it is to be hoped that help will now be forthcoming to afford them a measure of that relief which they certainly need and deserve.

Membership.—The membership on May 1st 1945 was 392.

EDWARD GALL,

General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

During these war-years our Section has occupied itself with the problems of Reconstruction. The Central Committee has put forward the following points for the 1st meeting of a Round Table Conference.

Problems of Reconstruction.—

(1) The greatest needs of the war-stricken peoples are :

- (a) material needs
- (b) moral needs
- (c) spiritual needs

(2) The problem of Education after the war.

(3) The problem of the State constitution of the nations.

(4) The rights and duties of the Nations.

(5) Spiritual, moral and social foundations for a European Federation.

(6) Relative problems of national sovereignty of those countries who will form part of the Federation.

(7) Reorganisation of the European Federation, of the National Sections of The Theosophical Society in Europe to ensure the spiritual needs of a new Europe.

(8) To establish a new Theosophical European Centre.

(a) Activities of this Centre.

(b) Establishment of a Theosophical Publishing House where Theosophical and other works of highly cultural value in the main European languages will be published.

(c) Establishment of a European Theosophical University.

The Section hopes that this Round Table meeting will take place in Switzerland.

Thanks to the extensive correspondence of Mrs. Trudi Kern in Munisio we have been in contact with our friends in foreign countries. She passed on their letters as through the Red Cross. Also we were able to help some of our brethren in the war stricken countries from a fund created for this purpose.

The members of the Swiss Section send you fraternal greetings,

F. SCHEFFMACHER,
General Secretary.

 BELGIUM

This report will cover firstly the activities of the Belgian Section under enemy occupation, and finish with those of the year 1944/1945.

On the 8th May, 1940, the Belgian Section in all its centres, Brussels, Antwerp, Liege and Gand celebrated White Lotus Day. The sky, heavy with the approaching storm rendered this celebration more precious than usual to the hearts of all members. On the 10th May, 1940, before even war was declared on Belgium, Brussels was bombarded early in the morning and, Belgium, until then neutral, was dragged into the world conflict.

Very soon German persecution turned towards the Theosophical Society. The writings of our President Dr. Arundale, who did not hesitate to proclaim Hitler the agent of the Dark Forces, the fact that the T.S. was international and had as first object, "universal fraternity without distinction of races", sufficed to render it the enemy of the Third Reich. The Third Reich made us feel this pitilessly. The buildings in Liege and Brussels were shut down. That of Liege was occupied, then entirely emptied of all it contained; that of Brussels pillaged partially (furniture, hangings, chinaware, etc.)

the libraries of Brussels, Liege and Gand confiscated, as well as private libraries and especially those of Mrs. Gaston Polak, Serge Brisy, Henri Verheyen, A. Hiernaux and M. Hastir, who all received several visits from the Gestapo, and were called up for long interrogations. An anti-Masonic exhibition made with a view to harming us was, as a matter of fact, magnificent propaganda for us.

Clandestine groups met in Brussels, at the homes of Serge Brisy, Mme Stadtsbaeder and Mr. Jaumotte; at Liege at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Verheyen, and in Antwerp at the homes of Mr. Wittemans and Mr. Claessens, all working regularly and seeing each other, preparing for the reopening of the T.S . . . This was a marvellous period, which none of us who participated in it will ever forget. When a house was watched, we went elsewhere. We never left all together, in order to pass unremarked, and the number of persons asked was never more than 10. Work finished, we disappeared immediately into a friendly house where inquisitions were not to be feared. When we had to go to a meeting and carried undesirable papers (and it was rare that we had not something of the sort) we risked perquisitions in the trams, where the soldiers made us get out and forced everyone to await the end of the search, face to the wall and arms uplifted. Did they suspect, these Germans, nearly always clumsy and often naive, that news of the numerous sections circulated over and through everything? For, thanks to correspondence with Switzerland, we were able to have, in one single censored letter, news from India, the U.S.A., Hungary, Bulgaria, England, Holland and Rumania. The first names of members indicated the spot, which was not mentioned. Adyar received our news by the same method. This is how it happened.

I commenced by talking about "Aunt Sophie", but even for a German this

was a bit too obvious. From Switzerland, I had been asked for news of Theodora, and quite naturally, the Section became *Dora* for short.

During this exchange of correspondence, Dora became ill, very ill, desperately ill. The doctors envisaged the necessity of an operation, but several times the operation was deferred. This was the period when the books had been packed in cases and awaited removal. At last, the operation took place. The books and a portion of the furniture and hangings left Headquarters, and Dora died during the operation. But Dora dead, we still had to talk about her. It was insufficient only to read her obituary and say "that we were awaiting the end of the war to erect a fitting monument to her memory." At this time, therefore, "little Dora" was born, just as intelligent as her mother, but so small, so feeble, so young. (Wasn't she born in 1940 just when the Germans were sacking our buildings and forbidding all theosophical activities?) Therefore, we had to protect her, and look after her particularly. Little Dora was unhappily considered an illegitimate child. Her mother's fortune passed into the hands of cruel and unscrupulous heirs, who liquidated everything in the house, leaving nothing to the orphan. But she had an excellent constitution, and showed an intelligence even superior to that of her mother. We were a group of friends to take care of her. Little Dora!!

The Germans declared that the attitude of all the theosophists whom they interrogated, and they were numerous, in Brussels, Gand, Antwerp, and Liege, had struck them by the integrity of their thought and their love of truth. The day of solemn reopening of the Belgian Section, 30th September, 1944, brought back the majority of our members and made this reopening, where little Dora reassumed her identity and recovered more or less of her property, a memorable one.

Membership.—The day of the reopening of the section, eleven new members were received in Brussels, and a few days later the Perseverance Branch, Antwerp, announced 5 new members. The total of the new members now amounts to 43. Lists of members have been revised, not without difficulty, and we are still busy reconstituting our names and addresses. Total membership 279.

Library.—The Library is flourishing. Of course, we still lack many works, but little by little the Library is being rebuilt. A delightful gift of books, about 15 in all, was made to us by the Birmingham Lodge, all dedicated to the Belgian Section by the President of that Lodge, Mrs. Kipling.

Bookstall.—Here activity is very small, owing to lack of books, but this will gradually resume. Mlle E. Van den Houten has given us the complete edition of Bhagavan Das—Mystic Ex-

perience (French translation.) This book is on sale for the profit of the T.S. propaganda fund.

Propaganda.—During the past year, conferences on the basic subjects of Theosophy were given every Saturday, and were always well attended in spite of the bitter cold and no fires. They were followed by debates which were led along the line of the individual and his problems, and these discussions proved animated. A monthly circular letter was sent to all T.S. members, thus keeping them in touch.

We are learning, all of us, that war and its effects are disastrous and will be ever increasingly so. The task of the Theosophist is clear, nevertheless, because he knows that only the patient development of the individual can construct world peace, a sure and durable peace.

SERGE BRISY,
General Secretary.

NETHERLANDS INDIES

No full report owing to War Conditions.

The Medan Lodge, Sumatra, remain-

ed dormant for three years—Meetings were resumed early in 1945 and a temporary Executive Committee was elected in September 1945.

BURMA

General.—From reports and letters received from our members in Burma I can state that in spite of all difficulties and sufferings consequent on the war conditions in Burma, the work of the Society continued and a few of our very earnest members kept up the activities during the Japanese occupation. Now that Burma has been reoccupied, our work will have to be reorganised and reconstructed, and we believe it will take some time to re-establish conditions for the same.

Membership.—As no proper communication has been restored as yet, it is not possible to get into touch with all our members in Burma as they are scattered all over the country. Our total membership will be about 150. We regret to learn that our brother U Hla Min, a very earnest member, was shot dead by the revolutionary party, and that U Maung Hmin, his wife, and his brother, U Maung Kyin of Mandalay, and Mr. P. S. Comoro passed on to peace during the period.

Lodges and Buildings.—Our Lodge building at Rangoon, known as "Olcott Lodge", remains almost intact though most of the furniture and part of the library have been lost or destroyed by the Japanese. U San Hla, one of our Council members, saved the Lodge premises and the library from further destruction, and was able to convene meetings there. Our thanks are due to him. He was helped by our brothers U San Mya of Taungdwingyi, U Hla Maung of Pyinmana, and U Kyaw Hla of Mandalay. The main portion of our Mandalay Lodge is partly destroyed, but the adjoining living quarters are intact and are now occupied by one of our members. There is no definite news yet of our Maymyo Lodge and library, but they are believed to be safe, as this part of Maymyo was not much affected

by raids. We have also some land at Thingangyun. We have lodged our claims in respect of these properties, and we are taking steps to get possession of all properties.

B.E.T. Schools.—Our School Buildings are also almost intact except that doors and windows had been removed and most of the furniture and equipment looted. These premises are at present occupied by the military.

A few of our members, who were evacuated, have already left for Burma, including our Assistant General Secretary, Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, and it is hoped that in the coming year we shall be able to revive our activities and reconstruct our work.

N. A. NAGANATHAN,
General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

Activities in Vienna and Graz started again on November 17th 1945. It was just the 70th birthday of The Theosophical Society.

Meanwhile we have also received the permission for the reconstruction of our Society from the authorities of the Austrian Republic and are holding our First Annual Conference on March 29th 1946, when the new General Secretary will be elected.

Our total membership is at present 173 and we have 9 Lodges; 5 in Vienna and 4 in Styria. Public lectures are held regularly every week in Vienna and Graz, as also study-classes for members and other activities in the different Lodges. We are hoping to issue a journal, but we have as yet no permission for this.

FRITZ SCHLEIFER,
General Secretary.

NORWAY

During the war all Theosophical work in Norway was stopped in order to avoid unnecessary difficulties. Only a few private study groups have carried on. I hope to be able to contact the majority of the members again, through our Theosophical journal, to be republished in a week's time. Some of the lodges are also reporting a number of

persons interested in Theosophy, but not yet members. Our journal we will try to sell through the distributors of newspapers, etc., in the streets.

Our lodge library and the stock of our Norwegian Publishing Co. have during the war been housed by a private member, our present treasurer.

In Oslo, and perhaps also in other places, the work is greatly handicapped by the present situation, which makes it nearly impossible to get appropriate rooms for lodge work, libraries, etc. Here in Oslo we have the lodge meeting every Friday in our private home, where we may have from 40 to 80 persons. Until we secure other rooms, the work has to be carried on in this way. Some of the meetings are only for members; at other meetings we also welcome friends and other persons interested in Theosophy.

Perhaps the work for some years has to be carried on through study groups,

etc., in private homes. When we give public lectures we may, of course, take large halls, but we are in great want of public speakers. I therefore think that most of the public work has to be done through our journal. Of course, we shall be very glad to receive Theosophical guests from abroad as soon as this again will be possible.

As to how many lodges are likely to be reconstituted, I may say that I hope that all the lodges will carry on the work. They all express their joy that the work is again going on.

ERNST NILSEN,
December 1945 *General Secretary.*

EGYPT

Presidential Agency. No Report.

DENMARK

When the Germans overran Denmark in April 1940, I buried the archives of importance, lists of members and such things, and burnt all old correspondence. In the first phase of the war, the Germans did not exhibit any direct antagonism towards The Theosophical Society in Denmark, and it was possible to keep up public meetings and Lodge work to some degree until August 1943. We registered a few members, but I stopped signing diplomas from that date.

From August 1943 to the end of the war we added 10 new members, who received their diplomas in July this year 1945. In April 1943 a new Lodge was formed in the town of Rudkobing on the island of Langeland in south Denmark. It has 15 members and the President is Helmer Fogedgaard, who is young and active.

I am sorry to say that a few members of the Section lost their discrimi-

nation and began to believe that Nazism was a good thing.

After August 1943, conditions in Denmark became so bad that no Lodge meetings could be held, at least not in the larger cities. Some Lodges arranged private meetings sometimes.

Our Magazine *Theosophia* was practically the only one of our public activities which was carried on almost unmolested during the occupation. We could not mention the war but we translated and printed many articles from English and American magazines, so that our readers were in constant contact with the best Theosophical writers in spite of all barriers. This was a great help to us in this dark time. The work on *Theosophia* was very difficult and dangerous. I was responsible editor, and three times a policeman was sent to me from the German-controlled Press bureau. I had, literally with my head, to guarantee that our paper did

not give rise to complaints. I was ordered to send all articles from foreign countries to be censored. But this was a risky thing to start, as we then should get the German's eye upon us, so I decided to send nothing in at all to the censor. And they discovered nothing. My wife, who was a great help in the Theosophical work, felt herself threatened by the Gestapo. She first went underground and then fled to Sweden. Our printer was arrested by the Gestapo because he had printed 'illegal' papers, and we had to find a new printing office. During the war the whole of the translation work was done by two members Miss E. S. Jacobsen and Mr. Uller.

Another valuable branch of our work in Denmark which was carried through in spite of the war was the Summer School, which was kept going year after year by Mr. and Mrs. Viking.

Membership.—On paper we still have about 300 members and 12 Lodges. Two or three Lodges are weak but I think it will be possible to intensify the work in the autumn.

Convention.—The first Annual Convention since the war was held in Copenhagen in September 1945. Mr. Bonde Jensen was unanimously re-elected General Secretary.

Finance.—We have no debt, but not much money to work with. The late Mrs. Valborg Anderson just before the war founded a fund of about 5000 Kr to be used for lecturers visiting Denmark, and we hope soon to get Mr. and Mrs. Ransom to start this work.

We hope it may be possible to build a new Denmark in The Theosophical Society too.

CH. BONDE JENSEN,
General Secretary.

IRELAND

The past year has been saddened by the passing of three of our most devoted and earnest workers, Mr. Tom Kennedy, our General Secretary, Mr. William Gray and Mr. A. F. Holmes.

The work and activities of the Irish Section have progressed very steadily throughout the year, in spite of many difficulties and obstacles connected with transport, and the various limitations, due to the war.

A gift of 250 books, from the late Mr. Tom Kennedy's library, was presented by Mrs. Ina Kennedy, to the Library in Dublin. We have also received a number of books and magazines, belonging to the late Mr. Wm. Gray.

The outstanding event of the year was the visit of Mr. H. S. L. Polak, to Northern Ireland.

The General Secretary visited Londonderry and Coleraine and Cork.

On the whole, the year under review has been one of steady, persistent effort. The total membership of the Section now stands at 110, as compared with 82, for years 1942-43.

May we go forward together, in the future, with renewed courage and enthusiasm to carry the message of Theosophy to the world.

ALICE LAW,
General Secretary.

MEXICO

Membership.—We have 341 members in 18 Lodges and 4 Centres.

Propaganda.—A weekly lecture was given at our Headquarters in Mexico City during a period of four months. Lodges in the interior have also held meetings. Printed propaganda exceeded that of former years. Dr. Cuaron sent weekly letters to all Lodges and Centres, also to some individual members. Orion Publishing Company published several books, carefully translated and edited, at popular prices. The General Secretary published a leaflet *Dharma*, 20,000 copies of which have been distributed throughout the country. Mr. Steinberg published cheap editions of several standard Theosophical books; and Mr. F. M. Fernandez a leaflet, *To Those Who Mourn*. Two of our Lodges, *Luz de Occidente* and *Horus*, in Tijuana and Puebla respectively, printed and distributed sheets with Theosophical ideology.

The Practical Idealists, inspired by a nucleus of young Theosophists, held

a meeting every Saturday at their own Headquarters.

Cooperative "Fraternidad Universal", the legal organisation by means of which the Society can own property in Mexico, has almost finished paying for our building, the cost of which was Mex. 70,000,00 but which is now worth Mex. 200,000,00.

Cooperative "Adyar" has started a Theosophical colony. This year they finished paying for the land and three dwellings have been erected.

Rehabilitation Fund.—Mexico contributed £50 last year and hopes to send a further £27 soon.

Ritual of the Mystic Star.—This beautiful ritual is held on the last Sunday of each month. More than 30 people have pledged themselves to attend regularly. Leadbeater Lodge in Laredo, Texas, has also worked this ritual in Spanish.

ADOLFO DE LA PEÑA GIL,

General Secretary.

CANADA

Our Canadian membership shows a pleasing increase—Toronto Lodge leads with 28 new members and 14 reinstated. Most of the other Lodges show a small influx and altogether the National Society displays a quickening which is very gratifying.

The past year has been memorable for the fact that Mr. Albert E. S. Smythe has vacated the post of General Secretary after more than twenty-five years of true and faithful service. Last October we celebrated his Sixty Years of Theosophical endeavour by the publication of a special commemoration number of the *Canadian Theosophist*.

The Toronto Lodge has a very important activity in the form of a

Travelling Library, a branch of the main library, which contains over 5,000 books. To advertise this service insertions are made in outside weekly papers and enquiries are received from every province in Canada. Each enquiry is answered personally, and, as a rule, pamphlets are inserted in all letters and books sent. This service is particularly valuable to persons living in isolated spots perhaps miles from any library. All books are sent free of charge, the borrower paying return postage.

I would also like to recommend a small book written and published by the Secretary of the Toronto Lodge, Mr. Dudley W. Barr, entitled *Theosophy: An Attitude Toward Life*, and

sold for the small sum of thirty-five cents.

The *Secret Doctrine Class* held every Sunday morning in Toronto has continued without a break for close on fifty years.

Summing up I would like to record that Theosophy in Canada is in a healthy condition and I feel that it has a great future.

The world is hungry for spiritual

pabulum—the churches have failed in the opinion of many, the war as usual has engendered an interest in after-death states, and spiritualism is gathering momentum; it is up to Theosophists to direct this interest into channels that will bring real solace and understanding to the peoples of the world.

E. L. THOMSON,
General Secretary

ARGENTINA

Membership—By December 1945 the Section had increased from 793 members to 849, an increase of 56 members in 1945. There are 50 Lodges and 5 Centres.

Bolivian Sub-Section.—This Sub-Section has already virtually the 7 Lodges necessary to constitute a Section, but as some of them are weak in numbers, I think it advisable that it should not be constituted a Section until it has at least one more Lodge. There have been recently formed in Bolivia, two Young Theosophists' Centres. It is possible that soon there may emerge from them one or more Lodges, and then will be the moment to constitute the new Section of which I have dreamed for many years.

Convention—The Convention of 1945 was held in Mar del Plata. It considered and approved the idea of a new Constitution for the Argentine Section.

Rehabilitation Fund—The collection

for this fund amounted to 2,574.10 pesos in Argentine currency, not including what has been collected in Bolivia.

General.—The political condition of the country has not been, for a long time, and still is not, very propitious for Theosophical work on an extensive scale. This has reduced the number of my visits to the interior of the country where there are already elements for the forming of more Lodges.

During a visit I paid to the Uruguayan Section, in connection with the last Convention, I endeavoured to stimulate this rather weak Section. I feel that there will soon be an increase in the number of Lodges and members. I maintain frequent contact by correspondence with the leaders of the Uruguayan Section.

JOSÉ M. OLIVARES,
General Secretary.

CHILE

The T. S. in Chile has continued with its usual work during the year.

The seven Lodges have worked regularly and three Centres have been formed.

In Santiago and Valparaiso, the

Lodges working gave much time to public propaganda. All the Lodges of Chile celebrated Section Weeks.

Finance.—The books of the Society are kept in complete order by a chartered accountant. The Society has under

consideration the purchase of a good property in Santiago, which will replace that sold in 1943.

Annual Convention.—The 26th Annual Convention was celebrated in the city of Santiago with a good attendance of members and friends.

Revista Fraternidad.—Now entering its third year, our *Revista Fraternidad* is published every two months.

Silver Jubilee.—In the city of Valparaíso we celebrated with great impressiveness the silver jubilee of the Section, selecting this city as the place of meeting since the Society was

founded there. We published a special edition of our *Revista*.

Libraries.—These have functioned in all the Lodges, especially in Valparaíso and Santiago. Books are also offered for sale, most of them in the Spanish language.

We have done what we could in the spreading of our great ideals, offering our service to the great work of the Masters who founded and inspired the Society.

JUAN ARMENGOLLI,
General Secretary.

BRAZIL

No Report

BULGARIA

No Report owing to war conditions

ICELAND

The work in Iceland has proceeded in much the same way as in previous years. The magazine of the Section was issued as usual and I gave some talks on the radio from a Theosophical point of view.

The Annual Convention of the Section was held in September and I was re-elected General Secretary. At the Annual Convention we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Section.

In spite of some financial difficulties the work is progressing, and some of the members give large sums to work. What we need most is at least one worker who can give his full time to the work.

Our work goes on in the spirit of brotherhood and freedom, and many small victories give fresh hope for the future.

GRETAR FELLIS,
General Secretary.

SPAIN

No Report owing to war conditions

PORTUGAL

No Report

WALES

Membership.—Since last year fifteen new members have joined the Society, three have rejoined, and two have been transferred to Wales from the T.S. in England. Two members have "passed on," two have been transferred to the T.S. in England, one has been suspended, and one has resigned, leaving 180 members now on our records as compared with 166 last year.

National Headquarters.—Owing to difficulties of travel, accommodation, and the like, we have not had a great number of visitors from other National Societies, though we have been very glad to welcome those who have been able to come to Cardiff. We were especially pleased to welcome a member of New Plymouth Lodge, New Zealand, whose ship was fortunately in Cardiff at the time of our Annual Convention.

National Library.—The number of books borrowed during the year was 612, and 41 subscriptions were received.

Twenty-Third Annual Convention.—This was held in Cardiff over the week-

end of November 4-5, 1944, under the Presidentship of Mr. Iwan A. Hawliczek, B.Sc., who was also our guest-speaker. At the Annual Business Meeting it was announced that Miss E. M. Thomas had been elected General Secretary, and Councillor R. G. Robinson re-elected National Treasurer for the year 1944-45.

General Activities.—The work generally in Wales has been restricted owing to war conditions. Since the end of the year, a Lodge has been formed at Landebie.

Finance.—During the year, a further capital repayment of £123 has been made under the Redemption Policy which, on maturity in nine years, will produce £3,300 wherewith to redeem the existing mortgage of £3,300 on Headquarters.

The Shrewsbury property has been disposed of during the year at a profit.

EDITH M. THOMAS,

General Secretary.

POLAND

No Report owing to war conditions

URUGUAY

Membership.—At the time of this report the Section has 63 members divided among 5 Lodges. I give below a short synopsis of the work of each Lodge.

Lodge Ariel, is the oldest and dates from before the time that Uruguay was a Section. It was rather inactive however, and has at last awakened from its sleep on 25th May '45, and now they

edit a Magazine called "Devenir," a very competent Theosophical publication. This Lodge has translated into Spanish "the Mahatma Letters" and "Letters of H.P.B."

Lodge Vidya, is interested in the teachings of J. Krishnamurti but also studies many and varied Theosophical subjects. Interesting lectures were given which aroused great public interest.

Lodge Karma Marga is characterized by trying to relate Theosophy to social problems. They believe that this form of work gives more possibilities to put the First Object into practice.

Lodge Harmonia, always had a definite plan for study, which is put down

in an annual syllabus. They always have also one private meeting every month which helps to bring the members together in greater understanding.

Lodge Pallas Athenea has remained firm to its original program, namely to study only the Second Object, and the public takes an active and interested part in the meetings to study the subjects.

During the month of May our Section has every year carried out public acts of homage to H.P.B. Every Saturday one Lodge bears the responsibility of a public Lecture on the works of H.P.B.

LUIS SARTHOU,
General Secretary.

PORTO RICO

The Porto Rican Section of the T. S. cannot report any increase in its membership. Nor are there signs of any increased interest amongst its members or among the public. The Lodges are just working normally holding their meetings. Sometimes we advertise our sessions when the theme to be considered or studied warrants a special effort to awaken the interest or curiosity of the public, but sad to say the response has been so small, so much apathy seems to be prevalent that when we have more than a couple of unusual visitors, we call it an extraordinary

event.

Is it due to the fact that we have hardly suffered from the consequences of the war during the conflict? The public has not been shaken enough to awaken?

We keep on working and planning new ways for the future as we know that sooner or later, maybe through new workers, the seeds that have been sown will be transformed into a harvest.

A. J. PLARD,
General Secretary.

RUMANIA

No Report owing to war conditions.

YUGOSLAVIA

During the war we had little contact with Adyar. Our friends in Switzerland were able to inform us sometimes

about the Family, brother George and his wife, brother Raja and other relations.

On the day of the Jubilee of our Section, September 14th 1945, we petitioned the Authorities of Federated Croatia for permission to resume our work. The permission was granted on December 10th 1945. We met on December 16th in our newly cleaned and, so to say, newly crowded room at our Headquarters in Mesnicka ulica 7/III in Zagreb. We felt there our

new President's presence as we celebrated the 70th anniversary of The Theosophical Society.

We are continuing the activities of The Theosophical Society as seriously as we can in these after-war conditions.

JELISAVA VAVRA,
General Secretary.

CEYLON

No Report

GREECE

Membership.—The membership in 1940 was 210; from these 128 continued their membership; 14 passed away; 2 were transferred to other Sections; 2 resigned; of 14 the addresses are not known; and 50 did not answer our calls.

So the actual membership is:

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| Old members (as above) ... | 128 |
| New members (of whom 30 are in the Blavatsky Lodge). | 85 |

213

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| Passed away ... | 1 |
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Total 212

There are eight active Lodges and two dormant.

After the German invasion every official work had of course to cease. The books and furniture were transported to a remote building and only a few members of 3 Lodges held some underground lodge-meetings in different houses to keep contact. Two members

of our Council were imprisoned by the Nazis in a terrible concentration camp.

After the liberation and in spite of great difficulties (political, financial and otherwise), the work of reorganization was eagerly begun. Already 5 Lodges in Athens and Salonica are working regularly, and the interest of the general public seems to be great. Unfortunately we have no offices now and so our work is impeded. The greater part of our furniture and the whole of our Library has been preserved, but the very high rents and lack of material means prevent us from getting even a small apartment and to re-publish our Theosophical Bulletin. But the re-establishment of Peace and Freedom and our Faith in the Theosophical Principles make us look hopefully to the future of the World and The Theosophical Society, of our Country and of our Section.

K. MELISSAROPOULOS,
Joint General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

Costa Rica, Panama, El-Salvador,
Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua

The total number of Lodges is still 15 and there has been a gain of four members. There is some increased enthusiasm among the members. The total membership is 148.

LYDIA FERNANDEZ JIMENEZ
General Secretary.

PARAGUAY

Presidential Agency. No Report

PERU

No Report

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

No Report owing to war conditions

COLOMBIA

No Report

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN EUROPE

The liberation of one European Section after another has set the pace and determined the nature of the work of the Federation in the year under review. A most helpful and stimulating influence has been the confidence placed in us by our International Headquarters, and the General Council. Adyar has used the Federation office to assist difficult communications, and responded generously to our requests for advice, information and grants from the WORLD FUND. Two other factors have likewise helped the work: (1) the cordial co-operation of the English Section, in

whose Headquarters the office of the Federation is temporarily housed, and whose General Secretary, Mr. Coats, has travelled as 'Ambassador Extraordinary' for the Society to both France and Belgium; and (2) the fact that our General Secretary, now Lt. Col. van Dissel, entered Brussels soon after its liberation and made direct contacts there, and later from Eindhoven was able to make early and reliable contacts with the Netherlands Section members.

We are glad to say that we are now in contact with all members of the Federation Executive Committee, except

the Balkan representative. So much has happened that a summary under countries with somewhat similar conditions will be the simplest form of presentation. Since each country which is now fully active will send in its own report, our comments are in the nature of a general survey of Europe.

France, Belgium and the Netherlands.—In all these countries the occupying authority closed headquarters, removed the libraries, and all meetings were forbidden. In all some portion of the books and equipment was rescued, friendly meetings amongst members continued, and the work as now resumed is full of promise, new members coming in and fresh life pouring through the reopened Headquarters and offices. France and Belgium have held elections, with results reported elsewhere. The Netherlands agreed to the appointment of Professor Ir. E. L. Selleger as Acting General Secretary since the former General Secretary was not at the moment in the country. A fresh election will be held when the membership lists are approximately correct. Parts of all these libraries will be recovered from Germany. One of the Federation activities is to try to secure by gift or purchase the books most desired for the work in hand. Certain pamphlets for free distribution have been printed in French in London, to be dispatched to French-speaking countries where printing is not possible. *Finland and Denmark* never stopped work. Their own reports describe the trend of their work and the difficulties surmounted. Both are full of life and pushing ahead.

Norway—elected a new General Secretary at its first meeting, and the Federation has made contact. We learn from Sweden that the library is intact. No further news yet.

A former official of the *Italian Section* is holding a meeting in Florence, and we are trying to make contact.

Russia.—In view of the changed situation in Europe and the many emigré members who may wish to form Lodges speaking their own tongue, the Vice-President in charge at the instigation of the Federation and with the agreement of the General Secretary, Mme. Kamen-sky, has dissolved the Section Russia-outside Russia. In future Lodges speaking a language other than that of the Section in which they reside will be chartered by the local Section. They may make affiliations with Lodges of other Sections speaking the same language, as this will facilitate the publication of Theosophical books in many languages.

Greece.—The situation here will need time and patience to unravel. The Council of the Greek Section declared the Section closed before the German occupation, but we now learn that Mr. N. Charitos, of the Blavatsky Olcott Lodge, Athens, retained the published books, and the work of that Lodge continued during part of the occupation. It will be restarted this autumn or winter. Meanwhile the Acting General Secretary, Mr. K. Melissaropoulos, has written to us and to Adyar saying that a Convention will be held in October.

The eight Sections in neutral countries, or unoccupied combatant countries have on the whole done well. All but one have during the war elected a new General Secretary. Reports from England, Ireland, Sweden, Switzerland and Wales all speak of active public interest, fresh methods and lively meetings, and an increase in membership.

Finance.—Up to the time of writing the Federation has paid its office expenses and for *Theosophy in Action*, but the costs of both are rising and it will be necessary to meet the probable deficit at the end of the year from Rehabilitation Funds. This seems fair, as all expense incurred is due to rehabilitation work. There is a small Federation balance in the Netherlands

account, and £1,050 in London, the latter from money allocated by Adyar, for rehabilitation work. Help for Continental work has been severely curtailed owing to restrictions placed on sending money from England. As soon as possible we plan to send money to Greece to pay for rent of room and heating, for heat and equipment to Hungary, Belgium, etc., and in some cases for personal relief. The countries on the Eastern borders will certainly need help if and when Theosophical activities are again permitted. For the moment the funds at our disposal are adequate, but we can use all that is given. Our Appeal Secretary Miss Newberry has raised £1500 to date which has been paid into the Adyar account for the World Fund for Rehabilitation.

Literature.—There will be a great need to catch up with the lag in Theosophical books. It is hoped to supply all European Sections with such recently published books as are available, both those strictly Theosophical and those closely allied. There will certainly be need to supply new Theosophical literature in various languages, to meet the demands of both enquirers and students. We plan to (1) print a little in English, especially pamphlets resulting from the study groups; (2) print or cyclostyle translations of useful material as these become available; (3) encourage the publication of study courses suitable for various kinds of study.

Theosophy in Action is beginning to do the work for which it was originally shaped *i.e.*, to reach the English reading members on the Continent with the international news of the Society, as well as general news of European matters, and articles of special interest to European Sections. In some cases *Theosophy in Action* has been the first uncensored news of European matters to be read by members in released coun-

tries, and as such 'gave them quite a thrill'.

London Office.—The Federation has been fortunate in having the help of competent volunteers from the English Section in the London Office. As soon as communications are fully restored between the Netherlands and other European countries all routine work except the issue of *Theosophy in Action* will be transferred to an office at St. Michael's Huizen, kindly offered by Professor van Der Stok. Huizen is sufficiently near to Col. van Dissel's home to be convenient for him in calmer times.

War Distress Relief Committee.—This committee has continued to support certain refugee members now residing in England. In preparing to meet new obligations, it received about £500 above its expenditure for the year ending May 31, 1945, all from direct donations, chiefly from members and Lodges of the Society, and from Co-Masonic Lodges. Since that date 64 parcels have been sent, via the Red Cross, to members on the Continent. This work entails endless labour and co-operation, as each parcel must be individually addressed, and is made up to meet individual requests. Miss Eunice Petrie is indefatigable over the work of the Committee, which is steadily growing in volume.

General Trends.—As each new Section revives it seems to have a new life, and the Federation itself is taking a new incarnation. It is hoped it will be less a Federation of Sections and more an organized whole, with each Section contributing fully and individually to the life of the whole. There needs to be livelier interest in what goes on in other Sections, a closer knit fellowship of all nationalities within our borders. To this end the Centre of Huizen is being restored with a strong emphasis upon the international Theosophical work. It is hoped to have study classes here on many

European subjects, and resident visitors are expected from abroad. Professor Ir. J. E. van der Stok is in charge.

The death of our revered President, Dr. Arundale, came as a shock to many in newly released countries. Its effect was, if anything, to draw us all even

closer together, with ever deepened devotion to the cause to which he had given so much.

J. E. VAN DISSEL,
General Secretary
European Federation.

During the past 15 years we have had many meetings with each other by means of a member's house near the sea. We moved most of the books, things, and papers to the house. But things were damaged or missing. The other articles, including the books, in hand, were saved. A number of books were lost owing to the bookworms being either evicted or out of contact with us. But we are doing our best to reorganise the library and are sending an agent to the Durban Lodge which has offered to help us.

SINGAPORE LODGE

We were not allowed to hold meetings during the Japanese occupation, and so our kindness towards the poor of the Japanese friends invited to these gatherings was showing. We were interested in the Society and its work, and since then some of them have joined the lodge. The interest shown by Government people has caused us to plan the formation of a youth section in our lodge. At present we are working on details.

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PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES AND NON-SECTIONALIZED LODGES

CANADIAN FEDERATION

The seven Lodges in this Federation have held the usual meetings for the public and also members' meetings and study classes. Hermes Lodge, Vancouver held its usual social evening and dinner in November, when the programme included music and the presentation of lantern slides illustrating life at the Summer School at Orcas Island.

Since the Library at Moose Jaw Lodge was small, the Canadian Federation made a donation towards the purchase of books, and gifts of books were received from members in Canada and from the United States.

ELSIE F. GRIFFITHS,
Secretary.

SINGAPORE LODGE

During the past 3½ years we kept our contacts with each other by Sunday gatherings at a member's house near the sea. We moved most of the Lodge's things up there. Quite a number of things were damaged or missing. But the other articles, including the books in hand, were saved. A number of books were lost owing to the borrowers being either evacuated or out of contact with us. But we are doing our best to reorganise the library and are sending an appeal to the Durban Lodge which has offered to help us.

We were not allowed to hold meetings during the Japanese occupation, and so our gatherings assumed the form of picnic parties. Friends invited to these gatherings are showing marked interest in the Society and its movements and since then some of them have joined the lodge. The interest shown by several young people has inspired us to plan the formation of a youth section in our lodge. At present we are working out details.

At the first opportunity after having secretly acquired news of the Japanese surrender we had a general meeting. At the meeting it was decided to elect a provisional committee until the overseas members could return to take part in the election of a proper committee, or work in the committee. Our best workers are away in other countries and we hope they will soon return.

The present provisional officers are:

President: Mr. F. Bathiha.

Secretary: Mr. Chan Chim Lim.

Treasurer: Mr. Lin Hock Chuan.

We had our first meeting on Thursday 4th October, and since then had our usual Thursday and Sunday meetings at the former premises, 8 Cairnhill Road. We are also conducting classes for English, Mandarin and Theosophical study. These are open to members and friends.

We have so many plans but we lack workers with organising ability. Nevertheless, we are doing our best with the people we have here and many of them

are hard and willing workers. Our loss is in one member who died while on A.R.P. duty. Another died from Japanese Kempetai (military police) illtreatment and still two others were taken away by the Japanese immediately after the fall of Singapore and have not been heard of.

We would like to mention our indebtedness to Sqd. Ldr. N. Clumeck who came to our rescue with his offer of help in many ways, including the use of the former premises which belong to him.

The Singapore Lodge is now looking forward to the future with full hopes and enthusiasm and extends its greetings to all the Lodges in the world and invites contacts from them.

CHAN CHIM LIM,
Hon. Secretary.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA : Non-Sectionalized Lodges :

Uganda : Shree Kalyan Lodge, Secre-

tary, Mr. J. S. Visana, P. O. Box 54, Jinja.

Shree Kalyan Lodge, Jinja, Uganda holds regular weekly meetings. It was chartered with seven members, but one member has transferred to Nanyuki in Kenya. Membership is therefore 6.

J. S. VISANA,
Secretary.

Zanzibar : Krishna Lodge, Joint Secretaries, Mr. H. D. Shah and Mr. Rasik D. Acharya, P. O. Box 142, Zanzibar.

Tanganyika : Narayana Lodge, Secretary, Mr. Venibhai K. Dave, H.M. High Court, Dar-es-Salaam.

Kenya : Nairobi Lodge, Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Chimanbhai R. Patel, P. O. Box 570. Nairobi ; Mombasa Lodge, President, Mr. P. D. Master, P. O. Box 274, Mombasa ; Shree Laxmi Lodge, c/o Mr. P. L. Pandya, P. O. Box 68, Kisumu.

HEADQUARTERS, 1945

Executive Committee: (1) THE PRESIDENT, (2) THE VICE-PRESIDENT, (3) THE RECORDING SECRETARY, (4) THE TREASURER, (5) MR. C. JINARAJADASA, (6) SHRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI, (7) RAO BAHADUR M. NARASIMHAM PANTULU, (8) MRS. JANE CLUMECK, (9) MR. A. J. HAMERSTER, (10) MR. A. RANGANATHAM.

OFFICERS

Adyar Library: DIRECTOR: DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI; JOINT DIRECTOR: MR. A. J. HAMERSTER; CURATOR OF ORIENTAL SECTION: DR. C. KUNHAN RAJA; LIBRARIAN: MRS. F. J. W. HALSEY.

Archives and Museum: DEPUTY CUSTODIAN: MR. C. JINARAJADASA.

Adyar Baby Welfare: SHRIMATI S. BHAGIRATHI.

Bhojanasala: (ON CONTRACT)

Dispensary: DR. N. S. S. GOPALAN.

Engineering Department: MANAGER: MR. M. D. SUBRAMANIAM.

Financial Adviser: MR. N. A. NAGANATHAN.

Garden Department: MR. D. V. VASU.

Laundry: MR. M. V. GOPALAKRISHNA IYER.

Medical Consultant: DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI.

Post Office: MR. V. SRINIVASAN, BRANCH POSTMASTER.

Press Department: MANAGER: MR. J. L. DAVIDGE.

Sanitation and Hygiene Officer: MADAME P. CAZIN.

The Theosophical Publishing House: MANAGER: MR. K. S. KRISHNAMURTI.

The Vasanta Press: SUPERINTENDENT: MR. C. SUBBARAYUDU; ASST. SUPERINTENDENT: MR. D. V. SHYAMAL RAO.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1944-45

I

During the year under report I have continued as Director with Mr. A. J. Hamerster as Joint Director and Curator, Western Section and Prof. C. Kunhan Raja, M.A., D. Phil. (Oxon.), as Curator for the Eastern Section. Mrs. F. J. W. Halsey continued as Librarian.

Special Editors.—Pandit N. Aiyaswami Sastri continues to contribute the results of his studies and Research in Chinese and Tibetan Literatures which are published through the Bulletin. *The S'ālistambha-Sūtra*, the publication of which has been resumed since the last report, is now in progress.

Among the works edited by the late Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri and left in manuscript form, the *Rāgavibodha* of Somanātha was completed and issued during this year. There still remains to be published the third volume of *Sanḡitaratnākara* with the commentaries of Kallinātha and S'ingabhūpāla.

II

Eastern Section.—Pandit V. Krishnamacharya was mainly engaged in the preparation of the *Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts*, Vol. VI, Vyākaraṇa Section, and passing the forms through the Press. He also wrote an independent Commentary on the *Spotavāda* which was published through the *Bulletin*. A tabular statement of the work done by him during the triennium ending with 30-9-45 is shown under *Annexure 1*.

From 1-10-44 to 7-9-45, Mr. H. G. Narahari was on other duty, being awarded a Fellowship in the Sanskrit Department of the Madras University. He found time, however, to examine and describe 5 manuscripts for the *Descriptive Catalogue*, Kāvya Section. (*Annexure 2*).

Pandit V. Narayanaswami Sastri continued to be in charge of the section for copying, comparing and restoring manuscripts for the Library. Besides copying, he was also doing reference and other work assigned to him from time to time. *Annexure 3* contains a comparative statement of the work of this pandit for a period of three years.

Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma was the pandit in charge of the registers of the Eastern Section registering books, preparing card indexes, and doing other related work. He was also assisting Pandit V. Krishnamacharya in the preparation of the *Descriptive Catalogue*. A statement of his work for a similar period of three years is appended under *Annexure 4*.

Pandit N. Ramachandra Bhatt, Temporary Pandit-Copyist was taken into the permanent establishment of the Library as Pandit-Scribe with effect from 1-5-45. He has continued to copy manuscripts for the Library, as well as for outside orders. *Annexure 5* gives a statement of work from 1-5-45 (the date of his appointment) to 30-9-45.

III

Publications.—Since the publication of the last report, the restrictions on

the supply of paper have been relaxed a little, but availability of sufficient paper is still a problem. Nevertheless, the Library published the following works during the year ending with 30th September, 1945.

1. *Rāgavibodha* of Somanātha with his own commentary *Viveka*, edited by Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri, F.T.S. (Adyar Library Series No. 48.)

2. *Acyutarāyābhūdaya* of Rājānātha Ḍiṇḍima (Sargas 7 to 12). Edited by A. N. Krishna Aiyangar. (Adyar Library Series No. 49.)

3. *The Ancient Wisdom of Wales* by D. Jeffrey Williams. (Adyar Library Series No. 50.)

4. *Śaṅgītaratnākara* of Ś'ārṅgadeva, Vol. I, Chap. I. English Translation by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja (Adyar Library Series No. 51.)

5. The Adyar Library Bulletin Vol. VIII, part 4 and Vol. IX, parts 1, 2 and 3.

The following works were published between 1-10-45 and 31-5-46.

1. *Vaiṣṇava Upaniṣads*.—English translation by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar and Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti. (Adyar Library Series No. 52.)

2. *Nyāyakusumāñjali*, Books I and II. English translation by Swami Ravi Tirtha. (Adyar Library Series No. 53.)

The following works are in progress through the press.

1. *Caturdaśalakṣaṇī* of Gadādhara, edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar, Vol. 2.

2. *Āpastambasmṛti*, edited by A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

3. *Śaṅgītaratnākara* with the Commentaries of Kallinātha and Ś'ingabhūpāla, Vol. III, edited by Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri.

4. *R̥gvedavyākhyā* of Mādhaṇḍa, Vol. II, edited by Dr. C. Kunhan Raja.

5. *Horāsāstra* of Varāhamihira, edited by A. N. Srinivasaraghava Aiyangar, with his own commentary *Apūrvārthapradarsikā*.

6. *Ś'alistambhasūtra*. Restored from Tibetan and Chinese sources, by Pandit N. Aiyaswami Sastri.

7. *Prākṛtāprakāśa* of Vararuci, edited by Dr. C. Kunhan Raja and Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma.

8. *Unmattarāghava* of Virūpākṣa, edited by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya.

9. *Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts in the Adyar Library*, Vol. VI—(Vyākaraṇa, Chandas and Kosa), by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya.

10. *Śaṅgītaratnākara*, English Translation. Vol. II by Dr. C. Kunhan Raja.

11. *Jivānandanam* of Ānandārāyamakhi, edited by Pandit M. Duraiswami Aiyangar, with his own commentary.

12. *Sphoṭavāda* of Nāgesa edited by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya with his own commentary.

The following works are ready for the Press.

1. *Āśvalāyanagr̥hyasūtra* with the Bhāṣya of Devasvāmi, edited by Swami Ravi Tirtha, Vol. II.

2. *Nyāyakusumāñjali* of Udayanācārya—English Translation by Swami Ravi Tirtha, Vol. II.

3. *Gautamasmṛti*, edited by A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

4. *Caturdaśalakṣaṇī* of Gadādhara with commentaries—edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar, Vol. III.

5. *Pakṣatā* of Gadādhara with commentaries—edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

6. *Siddhāntalakṣaṇam* of Gadādhara with commentaries—edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

7. *Avayava* of Gadādhara with commentaries, edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

8. *Sāmānyanirukti* of Gadādhara, edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

9. *Vyutpattivāda* of Gadādhara, edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

10. *Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts in the Adyar Library*, Vol. V, (Kāvya) by H. G. Narahari.

11. *Saiva Upaniṣads*—English Translation by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar and G. Srinivasa Murti.

12. *Sākta Upaniṣads*—English Translation by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar and G. Srinivasa Murti.

IV

Western Section.—The Catalogues of printed books in European Languages other than English, forming the fourth and final part of the Catalogue, has been in the process of completion during this year.

V

BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS

Eastern Section.—A total of 63 volumes of printed books was added to this section. The following additions were also made to the manuscripts section.

An analytical statement is given below :

(1) *Transcripts added to the Library*

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| (a) By restoration of old manuscripts in the Library .. | 7 |
| (b) By purchase from outside Libraries. | 3 |
| (c) Presented on behalf of Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri from the collection of the late pandit | 6 |

(2) *Palm-leaf manuscripts mainly from the Batlagundu collection.*

69

85

Western Section.—A total of 376 volumes of books and 262 volumes of pamphlets were added to the Library in

the Western Section. Of these, 283 volumes and 217 pamphlets were presentation copies. 250 volumes of books and 3 pamphlets were received in exchange. 24 volumes of books and 31 pamphlets were also further added. On account of paper-shortage, the practice of suspending the publication of the full list of all additions made to the Library has still to be continued. The list of Manuscripts, added during the year, is, however, printed under *Annexure VI* for the benefit of the scholars and Research Workers.

VI

Use of Library.—I herewith append a tabular statement of figures for the current triennium :

| | 1942-43 | 1943-44 | 1944-45 |
|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Visitors | 8394 | 10,325 | 13,828 |
| Books borrowed | 2520 | 3606 | 4006 |
| Books consulted | 14,533 | 12,858 | 9024* |

The Reading Room received 1191 journals and magazines during the year. The list of important articles appearing in the current periodicals is now being prepared and published on the Notice Board. This has received appreciation and seems to serve a useful purpose.

VII

Exchanges.—I am thankful to the various institutions and journals that continue to maintain exchange relationship with our Library. I also hope that, as the war has concluded, even those Journals which have suspended publication will be able to resume their activities again in their respective fields.

* The Library was kept closed for stock-checking and rearrangement of books in the western section, for a period of about ten weeks.

| | 1942-43 | 1943-44 | 1944-45 |
|--|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Alphabetical Index passed through the Press—pp. | 128 | 88 | ... |
| Descriptive Catalogue—Vol. VI—passed through the Press—pp. | ... | ... | 184 |
| Prepared commentary on Spoṭavāda and corrected proofs etc. for printing—pp. | ... | 32 | 120 |
| Miscellaneous information supplied | ... | ... | 100 manuscripts |

ANNEXURE II

H. G. NARAHARI

From 1-10-44 to 7-9-45 Mr. Narahari was on other duty being awarded a Fellowship in the Sanskrit Department of the Madras University.
 8-9-45 to 30-9-45—Examined and described 5 manuscripts.
 Literary Contribution—Manuscripts Notes for the Bulletin—1.

ANNEXURE III

PANDIT V. NARAYANASWAMI SASTRI

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| Granthas copied | 200 | 12,400 | 21,850 |
| „ compared | 15,400 | 16,791 | 47,380 |
| References for the Office | 65 | 56 | 17 |
| Loan-slips prepared and cancelled | 50 | 45 | 15 |
| Granthas estimated for charges of transcription | ... | ... | 50,525 |

ANNEXURE IV

PANDIT K. RAMACHANDRA SARMA

| | | | |
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| MSS. examined for cataloguing | 3,000 * | 3,500 * | 2,000 * |
| Assisted in the preparation of Descriptive slips | 600 * | ... | 450 * |
| Assisted in the passing of the Descriptive Catalogue, Vol. VI, pp. | ... | ... | 184 * |
| Assisted in the passing, for Spoṭavāda, pp. | ... | ... | 84 * |
| Information on MSS. supplied | ... | ... | 75 |
| No. of Volumes registered | ... | ... | 150 |

ANNEXURE V

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| No. of Granthas copied | ... | ... | 13,146 |
| „ compared | ... | ... | 50,834 |

* This mark indicates the work done with Pandit V. Krishnamacharya whom Pandit Ramachandra Sarma was assisting.

† Mr. Ramachandra Bhatt was appointed as a member of the Staff of the Library with effect from 1-5-45.

ANNEXURE VI

LIST OF TRANSCRIPTS ADDED—1944-45

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| 1. Naiṣaḍhavyākhyā | Nārāyaṇabhaṭṭo- pādhyāya, Vol. 1 to 3 | Restored | 38. F. 30 ¹⁻³ |
| 2. " | Mallinātha | " | 54. E. 1 |
| 3. Vākyapadiyavyākhyā | Helārāja | " | 39. H. 25 ⁴ |
| 4. Sphoṭavāda | Nāgeśa | Purchased | 54. C. 1 |
| 5. Vyutpattivādaṭippaṇi | Deśikācārya | " | 54. C. 2 |
| 6. Nyāyasūtravivaraṇa | Pravādaka | Restored | 54. C. 3 |
| 7. Śāstramālāvṛtti | Anantabhaṭṭa | " | 54. C. 4 |
| 8. Yogasārasaṁgraha | " | " | 54. C. 5 |
| 9. Prakriyākaumudivvyākhyā | Seṣakṛṣṇa, Vols. 1 and 2 | " | 54. C. 7 ¹⁻² |
| 10. Acyutarāyābhyaṅgya | Rājanātha | Purchased | 54. C. 8 |

LIST OF PALM-LEAF AND PAPER MANUSCRIPTS PURCHASED OR PRESENTED

| | | Presented | Palmleaf | |
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| 1. Pūrvaprayoga (Āpastamba) | | G. Srinivasamurti | | 21. T. 8 |
| 2. Jivarakṣāmṛta with Telugu comm. | | " | " | 21. T. 9 |
| 3. Rāmāyaṇa (Vālmiki) | | " | " | 21. T. 10 |
| 4. Avacchedakatāsāraḥ by Śrīkṛṣṇatāta | S. Subrahmanya Sastriyar | Paper | | 9. G. 69 |
| 5. Śaktivādayavyākhyā | | " | " | 9. G. 70 |
| 6. Vādakalpah by Śrīkṛṣṇatāta | | " | " | 9. G. 71 |
| 7. Śatakoṭikhaṇḍana " | | " | " | 9. G. 72 |
| 8. Vyutpattivāda | Gadādhara | " | " | 9. G. 73 |
| 9. Tattvacintāmaṇididhiti | " | " | " | 9. G. 74 |
| 10. Samkalpasūryodaya Vyākhyā | Śrībhāṣya Nārāyaṇa | Purchased | Palmleaf | 34. C. 27 |
| 11. " Ahobala | | " | " | 34. C. 28 |
| 12. Śrībhāṅgavatam | | Presented | Palmleaf | 34. J. 1 |
| 13. Śivastotram | | " | " | 34. J. 2 |
| 14. Vivaraṇabhāvaaprakas'ikā | | " | " | 34. J. 3 |
| 15. Adhikaraṇaratnamālā | | " | " | 34. J. 4 |
| 16. Siddhāntamuktāvali | | " | " | 34. J. 5 |
| 17. Rāmāyaṇa (Sundarakāṇḍa) | | " | " | 34. J. 6 |
| 18. Vyutpattivāda | | " | " | 34. J. 7 |
| 19. Śis'upālavadhavyākhyā | | " | " | 34. J. 8 |
| 20. Pārvatīpariṇaya | | " | " | 34. J. 9 |
| 21. Kṛṣṇakarmāmṛta | | " | " | 34. J. 10 |
| 22. Śāstradīpikā | | " | " | 34. J. 11 |
| 23. Sāmavedasaṁhitā | | " | " | 34. J. 12 |
| 24. Dārśapūrṇamāsaprayoga | | " | " | 34. J. 13 |
| 25. Pratāparudriyam | Vidyānātha | " | " | 34. J. 14 |
| 26. Sarvatobhadracakra | | " | " | 34. J. 15 |
| 27. Saundaryalahari | | " | " | 34. J. 16 |
| 28. Śis'upālavadhavyākhyā | | " | " | 34. J. 17 |
| 29. Jaiminiyanyāyamālāvistārah | | " | " | 34. J. 18 |
| 30. Campūrāmāyaṇa | | " | " | 34. J. 19 |
| 31. Brahmasūtrabhāṣyavyākhyā | | " | " | 34. J. 20 |
| 32. Siddhāntakaumudivvyākhyā-Tattvabodhini | | " | " | 34. J. 21 |
| 33. Mudrārākṣasam | | " | " | 34. J. 22 |
| 34. Tarkasaṁgrahavyākhyā | | " | " | 34. J. 23 |
| 35. Bhagavadgītābhāṣyam | | " | " | 34. J. 24 |
| 36. Paras'urāmakaḥkṣasūtram | | " | " | 34. J. 25 |

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| 37. Santānadipikā | | Presented Palmleaf | 34. J. 26 |
| 38. S'ivagītāvyākhyā | Tātparyaprakāśikā | " " | 34. J. 27 |
| 39. Naiṣadham | Srihaṣa | " " | 34. J. 28 |
| 40. Tattvacintāmaṇidīhitiprakāśikā | | " " | 34. J. 29 |
| 41. Rāmāṣṭaprasastava | | " " | 34. J. 30 |
| 42. Āpastambas'rautaprayoga | | " " | 34. J. 31 |
| 43. Muṇḍakopaniṣadbhāṣyam | Saṁkarācārya | " " | 54. J. 32 |
| 44. Kālaprakāśikā | | " " | 34. J. 33 |
| 45. Sāmavedasaṁhita | | " " | 34. K. 1 |
| 46. Āpastambas'rautaprayoga | | " " | 34. K. 2 |
| 47. Paramārthasāravvyākhyā | | " " | 34. K. 3 |
| 48. Rāmāyaṇam | | " " | 34. K. 4 |
| 49. Mantralahari | | " " | 34. K. 5 |
| 50. Gautamadharmasūtravyākhyā | (Mitākṣarā) | " " | 34. K. 6 |
| 51. Mīmāṁsānyāyaprakāśa | Āpadeva | " " | 34. K. 7 |
| 52. Pañcasūktāni | " | " " | 34. K. 8 |
| 53. Taittirīyaprātisākhyaavyākhyā | Tribhāṣyaratna | " " | 34. K. 9 |
| 54. Tāṇḍyamahābrāhmaṇa | " | " " | 34. K. 10 |
| 55. Sāmavedabrāhmaṇa | " | " " | 34. K. 11 |
| 56. Kaivalyopaniṣadvyākhyā | Dipikā | " " | 34. K. 12 |
| 57. Sāstradipikā | | " " | 34. K. 13 |
| 58. Tarkabhāṣā Vyākhyā | | " " | 34. K. 14 |
| 59. Āpastambapūrvaprayoga | | " " | 34. K. 15 |
| 60. Taittirīyopaniṣad | | " " | 34. K. 16 |
| 61. Puṣṭabāṇavilāsa | | " " | 34. K. 17 |
| 62. Pañcikaraṇavivarāṇatika | | " " | 34. K. 18 |
| 63. Tarkasaṁgraha | | " " | 34. K. 19 |
| 64. Rudrapras'na | | " " | 34. K. 21 |
| 65. Tattvacintāmaṇi | | " " | 34. K. 22 |
| 66. Mahābhāṣyavyākhyā | Pradipa | " " | 34. K. 23 |
| 67. Avacchedakatānirukti | | " " | 34. K. 24 |
| 68. Sivarahasyam | | " " | 34. K. 25 |
| 69. Subhāṣitāni | | " " | 34. K. 26 |
| 70. Vyākaraṇakroḍapatram | | " " | 34. K. 27 |
| 71. EkaślokiVyākhyā | Svayamprakāśayati | " " | 34. J. 2 |
| 72. Simhānuvākamantravyākhyā | | " " | 34. J. 2 |
| 73. Vedāntasārasaṁgrah | | " " | 34. J. 2 |
| 74. Kaivalyopaniṣadvyākhyā | Dipikā | " " | 34. J. 2 |
| 75. Tattvacintāmaṇidīhitiprakāśikā | | " " | 34. K. 29 |
| 76. Viṣṇusahasraṇāmastotram | | " " | 34. K. 28 |
| 77. Bādha (Krodhapatram) | | " " | 34. K. 20 |

MEMORANDUM
OF
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

No. 2 of 1905.

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

(Sd.) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
an Act for the registration of literary,
scientific and charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are :

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire

or by gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follow :

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder :—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President :—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording-Secretary :—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer :—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

- Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.
- Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.
- Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.
- W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.
- Arvid Knös, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.
- C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.
- W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.
- Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de La Bourdonnais, Paris.
- Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.
- Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.
- Jose M. Massó, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

- Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].
- G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].
- Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalwala, Poona, Special Judge [for 3 years].
- Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].
- Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].
- Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].
- Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded the Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be

paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any member thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage

or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them, but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present per-

sonally or by proxy at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

Witnesses to the signatures :

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| (Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY | ... | { (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT |
| | | { " W A. ENGLISH |
| | | { " SUBRAMANIAM |
| " ARTHUR RICHARDSON | ... | { " FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE |
| | | { " UPENDRANATH BASU |
| " PYARE LAL | ... | " ANNIE BESANT |
| " PEROZE P. MEHERJEE | ... | " N. D. KHANDALVALA |

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. Not less than seven members of this Council shall be residents of India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the President of the World Federation of Young Theosophists and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not less than 5 and not more than 10 Additional Members, such

members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of The Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special

meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not less than five members.

4. The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of The Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

5. At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include Adjourned Meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of The Society, shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years.

10. Six months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or whenever the office becomes vacant, the Recording Secretary shall call for nominations for the office of President from the members of the General Council. Nominations of any member or members in good standing, who have consented to accept nomination for the office, may be sent in to the Recording Secretary, so as to reach him within two months of the date of the call for nominations. At the expiry of this period the Recording Secretary shall communicate the nominations to the General Secretaries, and to the Lodges and Fellows-at-Large attached to Headquarters. Each General Secretary shall take the individual vote of each of the voter-members of his Section—that is, of members of the National Society on his rolls who are not in arrears of Annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Section—and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall himself take the votes of the Lodges and Fellows-at-Large attached to Headquarters. At the expiry of four months from the issue of the nominations by the Recording Secretary, the votes shall be counted by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office of President.

11. (a) The President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council, and his term of Office shall continue

till a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of The Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or permanent disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold Office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall be reported to the Executive Committee at its next following meeting, and shall continue to be valid unless rejected by a majority of votes of the whole number of members of the Executive Committee, voting in person or by proxy, at the said meeting, the newly appointed Treasurer or Recording Secretary not being present, nor counting as a member of the Executive Committee for purposes of such vote.

13. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee of his own to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Exec-

utive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation may be filled by co-optation.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not less than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of The Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of The Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of The Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Recording Secretary, the receipt of either of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of The Society shall be deposited in the Imperial Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by the President or the Treasurer or the Recording Secretary of The Society.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of The Society beyond British India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of The Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of The Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of The Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property movable, or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to subdelegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of The Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages on such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of The Society in Madras including The Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice, and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of The Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21 (c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to The Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of The Society with the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of The Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note.—The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Recording Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or

of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of The Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Recording Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of The Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion of the Headquarters' premises for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person, regardless of sex, age, race, creed, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in The Society but no person under the age of majority shall be admitted without the consent of parent or guardian. Every application for membership must be made on an authorized form and signed by the applicant.

29. Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge, the General Secretary of a National Society, or through the

Recording Secretary; and a Diploma of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Recording Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Recording Secretary.

30. Lodges and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge, residing within the territory of a National Society, must belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the sanction of the President a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society, but he shall not be allowed to cast more than one vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application

for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Before any Lodge shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge vote in favour thereof.

32. Lodges or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas directly to the Recording Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge. In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of The Society through the Recording Secretary.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Recording Secretary, and the Seal of The Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of The Society.

35. A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges.

36. (a) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges and all Diplomas of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive officer of the General Council of The Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

(b) Any National Society or any Lodge, whether belonging to a National Society or not, may, by a two-thirds majority of the members constituting the same withdraw from The Theosophical Society.

37. Each Lodge and National Society shall have the power of making its own Rules, provided they do not conflict with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, and the rules shall become valid unless their confirmation be refused by the President.

38. Every National Society must appoint a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of The T.S." before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

FINANCE

41. (a) The fees payable to the General Treasury by Lodges not comprised within the limits of any National Society are as follows: For Charter, £1; for each Diploma of Membership, 5s.; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, 5s.; but in the case of Lodges comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, the Annual Subscription of each Fellow shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society within which the Lodge exists; or equivalents.

(b) New members joining otherwise than at the beginning of the year shall at the time of admission pay their annual subscription *pro rata* for the remaining period of the fiscal year at the rate of £0-1-3 per quarter.

42. (a) Fellows-at-large not belonging to any Lodge shall pay the usual 5s. Entrance Fee, and an Annual Subscription of £1, to the General Treasury.

(b) Every Fellow-at-large is free to commute at any time his Annual dues to Headquarters for a sum of not less than £20 to be paid to the General Treasury.

43. Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury ten per cent of the total amount received for its own National dues, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of The Society shall close on 30th September.

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36 (a), or the dissolution or winding up of any National Society, or the withdrawal from The Theosophical Society of any National Society or any Lodge, where it shall have withdrawn from The Theosophical Society under Rule 36 (b), its constituent Charter granted by the President, shall, *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapse and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas, Seal, Records and other papers, pertaining to The Society belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge shall vest in The Society (except when the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided) and shall be delivered up to the President, or his nominee in its behalf and such National Society or Lodge shall not be entitled to continue to use the Name, Motto, or Seal of The Society.

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to transfer or revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge as the case may be, whose Charter should have become so forfeited or lapsed, to such other Lodges not being less than seven in number as have not withdrawn, or to such other Fellows not being less than seven in number as have not withdrawn, respectively, or to such other nominee or nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of The Society.

In cases where the law of the country where the National Society or the Lodge, whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid is situated prohibits such vesting in The Society, in that case the property of the Lodge shall vest in its National Society and the property of the National Society shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees to be appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, which The Society may become entitled to under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to The Society.

45. The financial accounts of The Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETINGS

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of The Society shall be held in India in the month of December, at such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year. Lodges desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in March of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of The Society at his direction.

REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of The Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

GENERAL COUNCIL FOR 1946

Ex-Officio

President: MR. C. JINARAJADASA, Adyar, Madras. 17th February 1946.
Vice-President: MR. SIDNEY A. COOK, Adyar, Madras. 8th May 1946.
Recording Secretary: MRS. JANE CLUMECK, Adyar, Madras.
Treasurer: MR. PANDA BAIJNATH, Adyar, Madras.
President, World Federation of Young Theosophists: SHRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI, Adyar, Madras.

GENERAL SECRETARIES

| Date of Formation | Name of Section | General Secretary | Address |
|-------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| 1886 | United States | ... Mr. James S. Perkins | ... "Olcott", Wheaton, Illinois. |
| 1888 | England | ... Mrs. Doris Groves | ... 50, Gloucester Place, London, W.1. |
| 1891 | India | ... Sjt. Rohit Mehta | ... Theosophical Society, Benares City. |
| 1895 | Australia | ... Mr. R. G. Litchfield | ... 29, Bligh Street, Sydney, N.S.W. |
| 1895 | Sweden | ... Froken Eva Ostelin | ... Ostermalmsgatan 12, Stockholm. |
| 1896 | New Zealand | ... Miss Emma Hunt | ... 371, Queen Street, Auckland. |
| 1897 | Netherlands | ... Professor J. N. van der Ley | ... 156, Tolstraat, Amsterdam. |
| 1899 | France | ... Dr. Paul Thorin | ... 4, Square Rapp, Paris VII. |
| 1902 | Italy | ... Dr. Giuseppe Gasco | ... Prefettura, Savona. |
| 1902 | Germany | ... Herr A. von Fielitz-Coniar | ... Niebelungenstr. 14/III, München 19. |
| 1905 | Cuba | ... Señor Armando A. Ledón | ... Apartado No. 365, Habana. |
| 1907 | Hungary | ... Miss F. Selevér | ... Lipthay-utca 9, Budapest II. |
| 1907 | Finland | ... Herr Armas Rankka | ... Vironkatu 7C, Helsinki. |
| 1908 | Russia | ... | ... |
| 1909 | Czechoslovakia | ... | ... |
| 1909 | South Africa | ... Mrs. Eleanor Stakesby-Lewis | Box 863, Johannesburg. |
| 1910 | Scotland | ... Edward Gall, Esq. | ... 28 Great King Street, Edinburgh. |
| 1910 | Switzerland | ... Frau Fanny Scheffmacher | ... Multenweg 20, Binningen 6, Basel. |
| 1911 | Belgium | ... Mademoiselle Serge Brisy | ... 37 rue J. B. Meunier, Bruxelles. |
| 1912 | Netherlands India. | ... | ... |
| 1912 | Burma | ... Sri N. A. Naganathan | ... No. 102, 49th Street, Rangoon. |
| 1912 | Austria | ... Herr F. Schleiffer | ... Bürgergasse 22, 4. Stg. 18, Vienna X. |
| 1913 | Norway | ... Herr Ernst Nielsen | ... Oscars gt 11, I, Oslo. |
| 1918 | Egypt * | ... Mr. J. H. Pérèz | ... P. O. Box 769, Cairo. |
| 1918 | Denmark | ... ¹ Herr Charles Bonde Jensen. | "Dharma," Fredensvang, pr. Aarhus. |
| 1919 | Ireland | ... Mrs. Alice Law | ... 14 South Frederick St., Dublin. |
| 1919 | Mexico | ... Señor Adolfo de la Peña Gil | ... Iturbide 28, Mexico D. F. |
| 1919 | Canada | ... Lt.-Col. E.L. Thomson, D.S.O. | 52 Isabella Street, Toronto 5. Ont. |

* Reverted to Presidential Agency. Presidential Agents are not members of the General Council.

¹ Deceased 14th August 1946.

| Date of Formation | Name of Section | General Secretary | Address |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1920 | Argentina | ... Señor José M. Olivares | ... Sarmiento 2478, Buenos Aires. |
| 1920 | Chile | ... Señor Juan Armengolli | ... Casilla 3603, Santiago de Chile. |
| 1920 | Brazil | ... Senhor Aleixo Alves de Souza. | Rua do Rosario No. 149, Rio de Janeiro. |
| 1920 | Bulgaria | ... | ... |
| 1921 | Iceland | ... Herr Gretar Fells | ... Ingolsstr. 22, Reykjavik. |
| 1921 | Spain | ... | ... |
| 1921 | Portugal | ... Senhor Felix Bermudes | ... Rua Passos Manuel 20, Lisbon. |
| 1922 | Wales | ... Miss Edith M. Thomas | ... 10 Park Place, Cardiff. |
| 1923 | Poland | ... | ... |
| 1925 | Uruguay | ... Señor Luis Sarthou | ... Palacio Diaz, 18 de Julio 1333, Montevideo. |
| 1925 | Porto Rico | ... Señor A. J. Plard | ... Apartado No. 3, San Juan. |
| 1925 | Rumania | ... | ... |
| 1925 | Yugoslavia | ... Alojz Piltaver | ... Mesnicka ulica 7/III 1. Zagreb. |
| 1926 | Ceylon * | ... | ... |
| 1928 | Greece | ... Monsieur Cimon Priniris | c/o Jt. Gen. Sec. K. Melissaropoulos National Bank of Greece, Athens. |
| 1929 | Central America | ... Señorita Lydia Fernandez | ... Apartado No. 797, San José, Costa Rica. |
| 1929 | Paraguay * | ... Señor William Paats | ... Apartado No. 693, Asunción. |
| 1929 | Peru | ... Señor Jorge Torres Ugarriza... | ... Apartado No. 2718, Lima. |
| 1933 | Philippine Islands. | Mr. Domingo Argente | ... 89 Havanai, Manila. |
| 1937 | Colombia | ... Señor Ramón Martinez | ... Apartado No. 539, Bogotá. |

Additional Members

MR. HARJIVAN KALIDAS MEHTA, Khijada Street, Bhavnagar (for 1944, 1945 and 1946).

M.R.RY. DEWAN BAHADUR RAJADHARMA PRAVINA K. S. CHANDRASEKHARA AIYAR, "Chandravilas", Bull Temple Road, Basavangudi, Bangalore (for 1944, 1945 and 1946).

MR. K. SRINIVASA IYENGAR, 98 Lloyds Road, Cathedral Post, Madras (for 1944, 1945 and 1946).

MR. JAMSHED NUSSEERWANJI, Machimiani Road, Karaçhi (for 1944, 1945 and 1946).

RAO SAHEB G. SOOBBIAH CHETTY, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras (for 1944, 1945 and 1946)

MR. R. M. ALPAIWALLA, 177, Foras Road, Near Grant Road Station, Bombay 7 (for 1944, 1945 and 1946).

MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, Huizen N.H., Holland (for 1945, 1946 and 1947).

MRS. ADELAIDE GARDNER, 90 Gloucester Place, Portman Square, London W. 1 (for 1945, 1946 and 1947).

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MINUTES

*Of a Meeting of the General Council, The Theosophical Society, held in
the Recording Secretary's Office, T.S., Adyar, on
Tuesday, 25 December 1945 at 3 p.m.*

PRESENT :

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|--|
| 1. Mr. N. Sri Ram | ... | Vice-President In Charge (in the Chair). |
| 2. Mr. G. N. Gokhale | ... | Recording Secretary. |
| 3. Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti | ... | Hon. Treasurer. |
| 4. Mr. K. Srinivasa Iyengar | ... | Additional Member. |
| 5. Mr. Harjivan Kalidas Mehta | ... | Additional Member. |
| 6. Shrimati Rukmini Devi | ... | President, World Federation of Young Theosophists. |
| 7. Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla | ... | Additional Member. |
| 8. Mr. N. A. Naganathan | ... | General Secretary, The T.S. in Burma. |
| 8. Rao Saheb G. Soobiah Chetty | ... | Additional Member. |
| 10. Mr. Rohit Mehta | ... | General Secretary, Indian Section. |
| 11. Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanjee | ... | Additional Member. |
| 12. Mr. C. Jinarajadasa | ... | Additional Member and proxy for England and for the European Federation. |

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the two Meetings held in Benares on 26th December 1944 and on 2nd January 1945 respectively, having been previously circulated to the members of the General Council, were taken as read, adopted and signed.

2. *Matters, if any, arising out of Minutes.*—None.

3. *Election of Additional Members to the General Council.*—The undermentioned members, having obtained the number of votes mentioned against each, in favour of their election, were declared duly elected as Additional Members of the General Council for a period of three years (1946, 1947 and 1948) :

1. Mr. C. Jinarajadasa (30)
 2. Mr. Harjivan K. Mehta (30)
 3. Mr. Sidney A. Cook (30)
- (none against)

4. *Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.*—The audited financial statements of The Society for the official year ended 30th September 1945, presented by the Hon. Treasurer with his report appended thereto and recommended by the Executive Committee, were taken up for consideration and adopted.

5. The Budget for the year ending 30th September 1946, passed by the Executive Committee of The Theosophical Society at their Meeting held in Adyar on 21st December 1945, was presented by the Hon. Treasurer and discussed at some length; and pending clarification of certain points mainly relating to the form of presentation of the statements, was adjourned to the next meeting for final adoption.

6. The General Council then considered at length the memorandum presented by Mr. C. Jinarajadasa on the situation in the Cuban Section and the request of certain Lodges in that Section to be attached directly to Adyar. The question was brought up whether the General Secretary of the Section could exercise any authority, under the Constitution of the Section, to suspend Lodges in his jurisdiction from the exercise of their "official functions". The General Council held that such action would be contrary to Rule 31 (c) of the International Rules which vested in the President the power to issue and withdraw the Charters of Lodges.

The Council then adjourned to meet on Tuesday, 1st January 1946 at 9 a.m.

MINUTES

Of a Meeting of the General Council, The Theosophical Society, held in the Recording Secretary's Office, T. S., Adyar, on Tuesday, 1st January 1946, at 9 a.m.

PRESENT :

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Mr. N. Sri Ram | ... Vice-President In Charge (in the Chair) ; |
| 2. Mr. G. N. Gokhale | ... Recording Secretary ; |
| 3. Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti | ... Hon. Treasurer ; |
| 4. Mr. K. Srinivasa Iyengar | ... Additional Member ; |
| 5. Mr. Harjivan Kalidas Mehta | ... Additional Member ; |
| 6. Rao Bahadur M. Narasimham Pantulu | ... Additional Member ; |
| 7. Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla | ... Additional Member ; |
| 8. Mr. N. A. Naganathan | ... General Secretary, the T.S., in Burma ; |
| 9. Mr. Rohit Mehta | ... General Secretary, Indian Section ; |
| 10. Mr. C. Jinarajadasa | ... Additional Member and proxy for England and for the European Federation ; |
| 11. Rao Saheb G. Soobiah Chetty | ... Additional Member. |

1. *Budget for 1945-46*: The Budget estimates for the year ending 30th September 1946, passed by the Executive Committee at their meeting held on 21st December 1945 and already discussed at the previous meeting, were adopted as detailed hereunder :

THE T. S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1945-46

| EXPENDITURE | Budget for 1944-'45 | Actuals for 1944-'45 | Budget for 1945-'46 | INCOME | Budget for 1944-'45 | Actuals for 1944-'45 | Budget for 1945-'46 |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Establishment C ... | 10,800 | c ¹ 12,056 | c ² 12,000 | Rent (including Lead-beater Chambers and Bhojanasala) A ... | 26,000 | 33,277 | 25,000 |
| Repairs and Renewals ... | 10,000 | 9,274 | 10,000 | Conservancy ... | 850 | 888 | 850 |
| Garden Expenses D ... | 12,400 | 23,205 | 16,330 | Fees and Dues ... | 11,000 | 15,864 | 15,000 |
| Lighting and Water ... | 2,000 | 1,361 | 2,000 | Garden Income ... | 7,500 | 24,559 | 12,200 |
| Miscellaneous E ... | 4,000 | 5,555 | 5,000 | Interest (Gross) ... | 25,000 | 25,200 | 25,000 |
| Watch and Ward F ... | 2,500 | 1,832 | 5,000 | Administration Charges ... | 7,000 | 7,130 | 7,130 |
| Postages, Telegrams and Telephone ... | 2,000 | 2,691 | 2,500 | | | | |
| Printing and Stationery G ... | 3,000 | 1,714 | 3,000 | Special Departments: | | | |
| Publications to General Secretaries ... | 1,000 | 1,113 | 1000 | Engineering Department B ... | 37,280 | 74,849 | 41,100 |
| Sanitation Expenses H ... | 1,800 | 1,730 | 2,300 | Laundry ... | 6,900 | 8,232 | 8,000 |
| Taxes ... | 500 | 473 | 500 | Vasanta Press ... | 42,300 | 47,982 | 46,000 |
| Pensions ... | 1,500 | 402 | 500 | Deficit to be made good by Donations : | 14,100 | 7,951 | 17,550 |
| Welfare Grants ... | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | | | | |
| Interest payable on Funds... | 15,000 | 15,952 | 17,000 | | | | |
| Press Department ... | 1,500 | 1,368 | 1,000 | | | | |
| Forest Guard ... | 300 | | 400 | | | | |
| Contributions : | | | | | | | |
| Adyar Library ... | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | | | | |
| President's Travelling Fund ... | 6,600 | 6,600 | 6,600 | | | | |
| Dispensary ... | 2,500 | 2,636 | 2,500 | | | | |
| Museum and Archives ... | 50 | 91 | 100 | | | | |
| Rehabilitation Fund ... | | 13,219 | | | | | |
| Depreciation : | 8,000 | 8,851 | 9,000 | | | | |
| Special Departments : | | | | | | | |
| Engineering Department... | 37,280 | 74,349 | 41,100 | | | | |
| Laundry ... | 6,900 | 8,141 | 8,000 | | | | |
| Vasanta Press ... | 42,300 | 48,137 | 46,000 | | | | |
| | | | 1,97,830 | | | | 1,97,830 |

- A. Diminished Estimate is on account of discontinuance of payment made by Military Authorities.
 B. " " " " " "
 C. c¹. Increase is due to enhanced scales in salaries and Dearness Allowance with retrospective effect. c². Provision for increase is due to enhanced rates of wages, Dearness Allowance, etc.
 D. Increased expenditure keeps pace with increased income.
 E. Provision is made for expenses of Leadbeater Chambers and Bhojanasala based on previous year's actuals.
 F. Increase is due to enhanced scale in salary and dearness allowance and enrolment of extra watchmen.
 G. Increased provision is for printing General Reports of two years (1944 and 1945).
 H. Increase is due to enhanced rates of wages and dearness allowance and additional staff.

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,

Hon. Treasurer, The T.S.

2. *Appointment of an Auditor for 1946.*—It was resolved that Mr. V. Soundararajan, B.A., G.D.A., R.A., Registered Accountant, be reappointed Auditor for the year 1946 on an increased remuneration of Rs. 600 per annum, but otherwise on the same terms and conditions as in previous years.

3. *Pension for the Niece of H. P. Blavatsky.*—Resolved that the Fund existing for the purpose be replenished with the usual annual allotment of £ 60 for the current year and that money be arranged to be sent to her as soon as possible.

4. *World Fund for Theosophy.*—Resolved that further discussion on this subject be held over till world conditions improve.

5. *Consideration of any additions to the Rules and Regulations of The Society.*—Resolved that a Fresh Committee consisting of the following members, with powers to co-opt, be appointed to consider the revision of the Rules and Regulations of The Society :

1. Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti.
2. Mr. N. Sri Ram.
3. Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.
4. The Recording Secretary—Convener and Secretary of the Committee.

6. *Plans for the Rehabilitation of Stricken Sections after the War.*—Resolved that Mrs. Adelaide Gardner be requested to try to send the necessary help through the United States of America.

7. *Dissolution of the "Russian Section T. S. Outside Russia" :*

The dissolution of the "Russian Section of the T. S. Outside Russia" was approved. The possibility of restarting the Russian Section in Russia itself is to be considered as conditions become favourable.

8. *Consideration of the present situation of the Ceylon Section :*

Reviewing the present position of the T. S. Section in Ceylon, the Council recommended the appointment of a Presidential Agent to explore the situation, report, and take such action as the President may direct. The Council suggested that Mr. Henry Frei, who was then in Ceylon might be asked to act as Presidential Agent during his stay there.

9. *T. S. in Greece.*—The Council noted with approval the revival of the T. S. Section in Greece.

10. *Consideration of the proposal of Mr. Lemesre of the Belgian Section.*—The Council desired to have the detailed plan and the ritual referred to by Mr. Lemesre for examination in due course.

11. *World Congress.*—Resolved that the consideration of this subject be postponed for the present.

12. *Proposed T. S. Membership Diploma in Spanish Language :*

Resolved that the matter be dealt with by the President and the Recording Secretary.

13. *Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1946 :*

The General Council elected the following to constitute the T. S. Executive Committee for 1946 :

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. The Vice-President In Charge | } Ex-Officio |
| 2. The Recording Secretary | |
| 3. The Treasurer | |
| 4. Mr. C. Jinarajadasa | |
| 5. Mrs. Jane Clumeck | |
| 6. Shrimati Rukmini Devi | |
| 7. K. S. Krishnamurti. | |

14. *Award of Subba Row Medal for 1945 :*

Resolved that the subject be postponed.

15. *Consideration of the proposal for the transfer of some of the houses in The Theosophical Colony in Juhu under the control of the President, T.S. :*

The General Council endorsed the opinion of the Executive Committee already expressed on the subject in their Resolution No. 6 dated 17th October 1945, reading as follows :

"The Executive Committee were of the opinion that if the property was transferred outright to the T.S., as a free gift subject to no onerous conditions, the Committee would be willing to accept the proposition".

16. *Consideration of grant of pension to Mr. and Mrs. Ransom :*

The Council resolved that the President and the Executive Committee be authorized to decide what help should be given.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICAL DETAILS, 1945

A number of reports are incomplete and some Sections have not been able to send any report. The following figures have been compiled from what information is available and in some cases is only approximately correct.

Number of National Sections : 45
 Presidential Agencies : 2 Egypt, Paraguay
 Sections dissolved : 1 Russia outside Russia
 Non sectionalized : 2 British East Africa, East Asia

Membership

1938 ... 28,862

1943 ... 28,533 (estimated)

1945 ... 29,327 (estimated)

| Country | Year | Number of Members |
|---------------------|----------|-------------------|
| United States | ... 1945 | 3,594 |
| England | ... 1945 | 3,496 |
| India | ... 1945 | 6,208 |
| Australia | ... 1945 | 1,019 |
| Sweden | ... 1945 | 386 |
| New Zealand | ... 1945 | 919 |
| Netherlands | ... 1945 | 1,600 |
| France | ... 1945 | 1,311 |
| Italy | ... 1945 | 430 |
| Germany | ... 1945 | 91 |
| Cuba | ... 1945 | 580 |
| Hungary | ... 1945 | 141 |
| Finland | ... 1945 | 547 |
| Russia | ... 1940 | 160 |
| Czechoslovakia | ... 1938 | 103 |
| South Africa | ... 1945 | 567 |
| Scotland | ... 1945 | 392 |
| Switzerland | ... 1942 | 305 |
| Belgium | ... 1945 | 279 |
| Netherlands India | ... 1941 | 1,067 |
| Burma | ... 1945 | 150 |
| Austria | ... 1945 | 173 |
| Norway | ... 1945 | 100 |
| Egypt | ... 1942 | 20 |
| Denmark | ... 1945 | 300 |
| Ireland | ... 1945 | 110 |
| Mexico | ... 1915 | 341 |
| Canada | ... 1944 | 319 |
| Argentina | ... 1945 | 849 |
| Chile | ... 1942 | 132 |
| Brazil | ... 1942 | 338 |
| Bulgaria | ... 1938 | 105 |
| Iceland | ... 1945 | 184 |
| Spain | ... 1935 | 510 |
| Portugal | ... 1945 | 173 |
| Wales | ... 1945 | 180 |
| Poland | ... 1938 | 197 |
| Uruguay | ... 1945 | 63 |
| Porto Rico | ... 1942 | 93 |
| Rumania | ... 1939 | 190 |
| Yugoslavia | ... 1945 | 266 |
| Ceylon | ... 1940 | 210 |
| Greece | ... 1945 | 212 |
| Central America | ... 1945 | 148 |
| Paraguay | ... 1940 | 8 |
| Peru | ... 1940 | 27 |
| Philippine Islands | ... 1940 | 189 |
| Colombia | ... 1940 | 125 |
| Canadian Federation | ... 1942 | 164 |
| British East Africa | ... 1942 | 136 |
| Malaya | ... 1942 | 60 |
| Fellows-at-large | ... 1942 | 70 |
| Total | | 29,327 |

